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DETERMINED NIGHT ATTACK ON SCAPA FLOW BY NAZI BOMBERS: WARSHIP SLIGHTLY DAMAGED: NO MILITARY OBJECTIVES HIT

MUSSOLINI TO MEET HITLER AT BRENNER PASS?

PARIS, Mar. 17 (Reuter) — It is learned from Rome that Signor Mussolini took the train at 1.30 p.m. in the direction of Milan.

It is rumoured he may meet Herr Hitler at the Brenner Pass.

Attack On Collier, Trawlers: No Damage

ABERDEEN, Mar. 17 (Reuter) — The collier, Redhill, and three trawlers were attacked by German planes off north-east Scotland this morning. The vessels escaped damage and no one was injured.

The first plane swooped from the clouds and machine-gunned the collier which replied with machine-guns and the plane made off.

The ship was hit by some of the bullets.

Two hours later, two planes flew low over the trawlers, machine-gunning them and dropping three bombs which fell near one of the ships shaking her.

British fighters appeared and the Germans fled eastward with a Spitfire close behind firing upon them.

American Public Opinion Solidly Behind China: Dr. W. W. Yen Interviewed

Friends of China in the United States of America were continuing to contribute in various ways to China's war of resistance against aggression, and public opinion in the U.S. was solidly behind China in her present struggle, stated Dr. W. W. Yen, former Chinese Ambassador to Washington, in an interview with the Press on Saturday.

MEMORIAL FOR LATE DR. TSAI

Mr. Zen Hung-chiu, Chief Executive of the Academia Sinica, who came to Hongkong from Chungking recently to attend the funeral of the late Dr. Tsai Yuan-pel, President of the Academia Sinica, returned to the wartime capital by plane yesterday to attend the forthcoming meeting of the Executive Council of the Academia Sinica.

After returning to Chungking, Mr. Zen will also confer with the Central authorities regarding the holding of a memorial service for the late Dr. Tsai, the raising of a memorial sinking fund, and the establishment of a college in commemoration of the eminent scholar and educator.

COMMENDATION

The National Government issued a mandate on Saturday enjoining the efforts of the late Dr. Tsai Yuan-pel in the promotion of education and culture. (Central).

A census of the population will be taken on March 28 in Bohemia and Moravia. It is notably learned by Havas, states a message from Bern. The latest census was taken in 1930.

One Raider Shot Down

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter) — FOURTEEN GERMAN BOMBERS MADE A DETERMINED ATTACK ON SCAPA FLOW LAST NIGHT.

AN ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCEMENT STATES THAT THE RAIDERS MET WITH HEAVY FIRE FROM SHIPS' BATTERIES AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS ASHORE AND FIGHTER AIRCRAFT.

Only one warship was damaged slightly while no military objectives were hit. Bombs were dropped on land and one person was killed and seven injured. This was the first civilian killed in an air raid.

There were seven casualties among naval personnel.

At least one German raider was shot down while others were damaged.

NAZI COMMUNIQUE

BERLIN, Mar. 17 (Reuter) — The German war communiqué says: "The German Air Force, with strong fighting forces, attacked units of the British Fleet at Scapa Flow on Saturday evening."

"At least four warships—three battleships and one cruiser—were hit by bombs and severely damaged. Damage to two further warships is probable."

"Aerodromes at Stromness, Earthouse and Kirkwall, as well as anti-aircraft positions, were attacked and bombed."

"Despite strong fighter and anti-aircraft defence, the German planes carried out the orders successfully and returned without loss."

ARTILLERY ACTION

PARIS, Mar. 17 (Reuter) — A French war communiqué states that there was artillery action on both sides during the night.

There was also firing between the outposts along the Rhine.

DELIMITATION OF FINLAND'S NEW FRONTIERS

HELSINKI, Mar. 17 (Reuter) — M. Paasikivi is going to Moscow to settle outstanding questions, including the exact delimitation of the frontiers, the opening of trade talks, provided in the Treaty, and the re-establishment of economic relations.

GERMAN PLANES OFF EAST SCOTTISH COAST

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter) — Four German bombers were sighted off the east Scottish coast this morning and were immediately intercepted by Royal Air Force fighters.

The fighters report that they gained contact with two of the enemy aircraft and that several bursts of fire were known to have found their mark.

Two German machines were reported to have been damaged and it was believed that one would be unable to return to its base.

EURASIA AIR SERVICES

CHUNGKING, Mar. 17 (Central) — The Eurasia Aviation Corporation has announced the resumption of the Chungking-Hanchung run and minor changes in the schedules for the Chungking-Kunming and Chungking-Chengtu airlines as follows:

Tuesday: From Kunming to Chungking and from Chengtu to Chungking.

Thursdays: From Chungking to Hanchung, from Chungking to Chengtu and from Chengtu to Chungking.

Saturdays: From Chungking to Chengtu and from Chungking to Kunming.

COMMERCIAL PLANE CRASH: 14 DEAD

ROME, Mar. 17 (Reuter) — A commercial plane on the Milan-Tripoli service crashed in Stromboli. Ten passengers and four of the crew were killed.

MILITARY MACHINE

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 17 (Reuter) — A German military plane crashed after midnight on the island of Lolland.

The crew of two are believed to have escaped by parachute.

EMINENT U.S. LAWYER DEAD

PALM SPRINGS (California), Mar. 17 (Reuter) — The death was announced here of the eminent lawyer, Mr. Samuel Untermeyer.

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CONDITIONS FOR SOUND & LASTING PEACE

NO DOMINATION BY ARMED CAMPS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17 (Reuter) — The world is seeking a "moral basis for peace," declared President Roosevelt in a broadcast in connexion with the Foreign Mission Conference of North America.

But peace could not be a sound peace, "if small nations must live in fear of powerful neighbours" and no peace could last "if its fruit is oppression, starvation and cruelty, or if human life is dominated by armed camps."

BALTIC STATES' PROMISE

RIGA, Mar. 17 (Reuter) — A communiqué issued at the close of the conference of Baltic Foreign Ministers states that any initiative aiming at the "establishment of a just and lasting peace would be supported by Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania by all means in their power."

The communiqué expresses satisfaction at the conclusion of the Russo-Finnish Peace and reiterates the resolution of the three States to maintain their neutrality and also announces steps for closer collaboration in the economic field.

BARNARD GOLD MEDAL

Special To H. K. Daily Press

PARIS, Mar. 17 (Havas) — M. Frederick Joliot was awarded the Barnard Gold Medal for 1940 for outstanding contributions to the cause of Science.

This medal, named after the late Frederick Barnard, President of the Columbia University, is awarded every five years by the United States Academy of Sciences.

PORTUGUESE SHIP STOPPED BY FRENCH

Special To H. K. Daily Press

LISBON, Mar. 17 (Havas) — The Portuguese steamer Cassqueu was halted by a French warship near Lisbon on March 14, the Navy Ministry announces, adding that the vessel was compelled to go to Casablanca where she arrived on Friday night.

It was reported that they intend to garrison the district permanently.

This step is believed to foreshadow the carrying out of the long standing project to extend the present Mentowkow Railway to Taipingchong. The author proceeded last Sunday to Lo-tung, east of Shemkong, where they killed over twenty civilians.

Enraged peasants rose in arms against the Japanese. About 180 of the invaders were slain and the rest narrowly escaped.

UNIT WAYLAID

PINYANG, Mar. 16 (Central) — A Japanese transport unit composed of more than 100 lorries moving southward from Tatong on the Nanning-Yamchow highway was waylaid on March 12. Over 200 Japanese were killed and several lorries wrecked. Japanese reinforcements rushed to the scene were intercepted.

GUERRILLA ATTACK

TUNKI ANHWEI, Mar. 16 (Central) — Under cover of darkness, a Chinese unit staged a surprise attack on the Japanese near Ying-chaw-lan on the south bank of the Yangtze River, above Kweichow.

The Chinese set fire to the Japanese barracks and retired after attaining their objective.

CHUNGKING, Mar. 17 (Central)

A strong force of Chinese guerrillas launched a surprise attack on the Japanese aerodrome at Taxang on the north-west outskirts of Shanghai in the afternoon of March 14, according to a Shanghai report.

Intermittent rifle and machine-gun fire was clearly audible at Chapei, lasting for about two hours and gradually dying away shortly after four o'clock.

Taxang was the scene of some of the bitterest fighting during the battle of Shanghai in the autumn of 1937.

The spokesman produced an autograph letter which he had just received from Gen. Li.



RELIEF OF CHUNGSHAN REFUGEES

General Wu Te-chen, Chairman of the Hongkong and Macao Chinese Refugees Relief Commission, yesterday called a meeting of the relief bodies concerned to discuss measures for emergency relief of refugees of Chungshan as a result of the Japanese invasion.

Among those present were Mr. Tu Yueh-sheng, representing the National Relief Commission, Mr. Tseng Hsiao-feng, representing the Kwangtung Relief Commission, Mr. Hsu Wei-ching, representing the Macao Overseas Chinese Relief Association, and Mr. Lung Sze-ho, representing the Chungshan District Government.

It was decided that the refugees who have fled from Chungshan to Macao be relieved by the Macao Overseas Chinese Relief Commission and the Macao Office of the Hongkong and Macao Chinese Refugee Relief Commission those in Japanese "occupied" areas in Chungshan by the National Relief Commission and those in areas in Chungshan still under Chinese control by the Chungshan District Government with appropriations from the Kwangtung Provincial Government.

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ARABIAN CAT PAYS \$396 DIVIDEND AT KWANTI RACE MEET

A smashing win by Kia Ora's Arabian Cat to win the first section of the Dublin Handicap and pay a dividend of \$396 was the highlight of the St. Patrick's Day meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club at Kwanti yesterday.

It was a day of good dividends and in spite of the inclement weather a large crowd turned up and were treated to some really good sport.

The event of the afternoon was, of course, the Governor's Cup, a 14-mile hurdle race for China ponies. His Excellency and Lady Northcote were there to watch Mr. A. H. R. Butcher ride Mrs. Butcher's March Brown to win the trophy in a thrilling finish from Major Oliver's Double Chance. The latter was well ridden by Lt. T. W. Chattey and was just unlucky to lose by a neck.

In the opening event, the Fanling Grand National and Pierce Grove Memorial Cup for China ponies, Mr. J. G. Whittaker's Clownie, cantered home an easy winner, with Lt. T. W. Chattey in the saddle.

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BIG SWEEP WINNERS

"A" SWEEP

Ticket No. 35830 \$23,940.00

"B" SWEEP

Ticket No. 16584 \$10,964.52

(Full details on page 2)

MACDONALD IN PARIS

PARIS, Mar. 17 (Reuter) — Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary of State for the Colonies, who is visiting Paris, continued talks with M. Georges Mandel, French Colonial Minister.

Economic co-operation will be discussed today after they had gone over political and social questions yesterday.

Mr. MacDonald, who is accompanied by a large staff of Colonial experts, is returning to London tomorrow.

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FEDERATION WIN GOVERNOR'S CUP AFTER SPLENDID DRAWN GAME WITH H.K.F.A.

Fox Gives Clever Display To Score Two Good Goals

A LARGE CROWD, ESTIMATED AT WELL OVER 5,000, crammed every vantage point at the Caroline Hill Stadium yesterday to witness one of the cleverest and fastest displays of football seen this season between the Hongkong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation and the Hongkong Football Association in the Governor's Cup. The result, 2-2, was a very fair indication of the game. In the first match, played on Nov. 19, the Federation won 5-3.

There were several changes in the Association team—Guy, K. Forrow, B. T. Gosano, D. Leonard, W. G. Pryde and Honnibal coming in for Williamson, Wilkinson, Hossack, F. Fowler, A. V. Gosano and B. I. Bickford, whilst the Federation played as advertised with the exception of Lee Wai-tong who was replaced by Chan Tak-fai.

At the conclusion of the game, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith presented the Cup to Leung Wing-chiu, captain of the Federation team, amidst prolonged applause.

ROBINSON SAFE
In the Association team, Robinson, in goal, played exceptionally well—the goals that went by him were first-time shots at close range which gave him no chance at all. He possessed a safe pair of hands and dealt confidently with every high ball.

Blackburn, was the steadier of the backs and, with O'Regan, gave a brilliant display to break up the fast and tricky Chinese attacks by clever anticipation and robust kicking. O'Regan gave the Federation a gift, goal when from a free kick in the goal-mouth he placed the ball at Chan Tak-fai's feet for the latter to send home a first-timer.

Guy, in the centre-half berth, gave a good account of himself. He received splendid support from both Bright and Forrow.

FOX THE HERO

The hero of the Association side was undoubtedly Fox of the Royal Engineers, who gave a clever and fast display. Had his inside forwards given him more support, a different story would have been told. His two goals, scored at a time when the Federation were two up, were both beautiful shots which gave Lau very little chance of saving. He was the most hard-working forward and seemed to be everywhere. Gosano on the right wing, was not very effective, but he sent over some very good centres.

On the general run of play, the result was a fair one—both teams had ample opportunities to score especially the Association who, apart from Fox, lacked "shooting" power.

Play opened at a fast and furious pace with the Association taking the initiative. The Federation had many anxious moments in their goalmouth and only the dour and resolute kicking and tackling of Lee Tin-sang kept the Association from taking the lead.

Lau brought off a brilliant save from a nice header by Fox, from a lovely centre by Gosano, by throwing himself across to put the ball for a corner.

MID-FIELD PLAY

Mid-field play ensued and the clever Chinese forwards now came into the picture with some nice passing. The Association defence, at this stage, was hard pressed and but for the stout work of Blackburn and O'Regan, would have netted more than once.

Blackburn was especially conspicuous in breaking up the Chinese attacks with first-time kicking and unique anticipation of the ball. With both sides exerting their best to take the lead, Leonard, from a long pass by O'Regan, brought the crowd to its feet when he dribbled past Lee Kwok-wai and, with only Lau to beat, missed a glorious chance.

The Chinese once again attacked strongly, but found the rock-like defence of the Association backs too much for them. The first goal came when, from a free kick in the Association goal mouth, O'Regan feebly placed the ball at Chan Tak-fai's feet for the latter to make no mistake with his shot. Play continued at a fast pace and when the interval came the Federation were leading 1-0.

BETTER ACCOUNT

In the second half, the Association forwards seemed to have

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary

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RAIN MARS SPORT

The wet weather on Saturday marred nearly all branches of outdoor sport and many matches had to be postponed. The games affected were cricket, football and hockey.

Only the seven-a-side rugby tournament was played off.

JUNIOR LEAGUE CRICKET

RECREIO DEFEAT THE R.A.F.

In a Junior League cricket match played at King's Park yesterday afternoon, Club de Recreio defeated the Royal Air Force. Bating first on a dead wicket, Recreio totalled 141 for three wickets and declared. E. A. Noronha carried his bat for 53 while H. A. Barros contributed 38. The Royal Air Force were dismissed for 48 runs.

Owing to the rain on Saturday, all League and friendly cricket fixtures were postponed.

more understanding and, as a result, gave a better account of themselves. Fox was particularly prominent with some nice feeding to his inside men whilst his passes to the wingers left nothing to be desired.

The Chinese, on the other hand, were not lacking in initiative. Leung Wing-chiu, now playing a much steadier game than he did in the first half, fed his men with some beautiful ground shots. Following a nice movement by Chan Tak-fai, Hau Ching-to cleverly beat O'Regan with some tricky play and with only Robinson to beat, kicked the ball straight into the latter's hands.

Undaunted, the Chinese attacked vigorously and Chan Tak-fai scored again with a fast angular shot. To most of the Chinese supporters the result was a foregone conclusion and the saying that "a game was never won until finished" was made amply evident when the Association, through Fox, netted a brilliant goal shortly after the resumption.

F. A. REVIVAL

There was a revival in the Association side and immediately after Fox had scored, he flashed past Lee Kwok-wai to take a fast shot at goal—and to see it rebound from the crossbar.

The Association now dominated play and fixed with their success and again raided the Chinese goal. Fox again came in the picture when, from a high pass from Honnibal, he beat Lau with a fast shot to equalise. Excitement ran high and faced with defeat when victory was almost in their hands, the Chinese made valiant efforts to take the lead again but in vain and the game ended at 2-2.

THE TEAMS

The teams were—

CHINESE FEDERATION: Lau Hin-ho (Eastern); Lee Tin-sang (S. China "A"); Lee Kwok-wai (Kwong Wah); Kwock Ying-ki (S. China "B"); Leung Wing-chiu (S. China "A"); Soong Ling-sing (South China "A"); Chung Yung-sum (Eastern); Cheong Kam-hoi (Eastern); Chan Tak-fai (S. China "B"); Lai Shiu-wing (S. China "A") and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

HONGKONG F.A.: Robinson (Navy); O'Regan (Navy); Blackburn (Police); Bright (Middlesex); Guy (30th R.A.); Forrow (Club); B. T. Gosano (St. Joseph's); D. Leonard (St. Joseph's); Fox (R. Engineers); W. G. Pryde (Club); and Honnibal (St. Joseph's).

FINAL STANDINGS

P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.
H.K.C.A.A.F. 2 1 - 1 7 5 2
H.K.F.A. 2 - 1 1 5 7 1

GOAL SCORERS

FEDERATION: Lee Wai-tong (2), Chow Man-chi (2), Chan Tak-fai (2), Young Shui-yick.

ASSOCIATION: Fox (2), A. v. Gosano; F. Fowler, Hossack.

SOCIETY BOWLS AT K.B.G.C.

St. Patrick's Lose On Three Rinks

St. Patrick's Society, playing a rink from each of the three other national Societies at Kowloon Bowling Green Club yesterday, were decidedly beaten on all three greens in a match of 15 heads.

The results:

9.00 A. E. Davies, J. T. Smith.
9.04 R. K. Collings, R. Young.
9.08 A. J. Dennis, A. McKellar.
9.12 W. S. Hillier, W. Sharp.
9.16 E. F. Fincher, D. Humphries.
9.20 W. C. Simpson, T. Low.
9.24 W. A. Stewart, H. E. Mundy.
9.28 J. D. Thomson, A. C. I. Bowker.

9.32 T. Lamb, H. Smith.
9.36 A. A. Lopes, G. Davis.
9.40 W. V. Ahern, T. B. Low.
9.44 F. C. Barry, J. A. R. Selby.
9.48 G. P. Murphy, A. H. Penn.
9.52 G. Milne, G. Willerton.
9.56 A. W. Ramsey, N. J. Booker.
10.00 A. L. Eastman, G. T. May. Reserves:—

10.04 W. Kershaw, E. Tuck.
10.08 W. Bastin, A. J. MacFayden.

2.15 A. E. Davies and R. K. Collings, J. T. Smith and R. Young.
2.20 A. J. Dennis and W. S. Hillier, A. McKellar and W. Sharp.

2.25 E. F. Fincher and W. C. Simpson, D. Humphries and T. Low.

2.30 W. A. Stewart and J. D. Thompson, H. E. Mundy and A. C. I. Bowker.

2.35 T. Lamb and A. A. Lopes, H. Smith and G. Davis.
2.40 W. V. Ahern and F. C. Barry, T. B. Low and J. A. R. Selby.

2.45 A. H. Penn and G. Willerton.
2.50 A. W. Ramsey and A. L. Eastman, N. J. Booker and G. T. May.

Reserves:—

2.55 W. Kershaw and W. Bastin, E. Tuck and A. J. MacFayden.

STEEL COULSON & H.B. LEAGUE

The following are latest results in the Steel Coulson and H.B. League:—

BILLIARDS

H.K. Police 1. Taikoo Club 2.
Garrison "B" 2. Garrison "A" 1.
Taikoo Club 1. D.R.C. 2.
R.E. Sgt's Mess 1. H.K. Police 3.
H.B. Club 3. w.o. C.C.C. 0.

LEAGUE TABLE

P. W. L. F. A. Pts.

C.S.C. 17 15 2 42 9 42

H.B. Club 17 15 2 40 11 40

D.R.C. 16 12 4 32 16 32

C. & P.O.'s Club 15 9 6 29 16 29

P.O. Club 17 9 8 26 26 26

H.K. Police 17 9 8 25 26 25

Taikoo Club 17 9 8 25 26 25

C.C.C. 18 8 10 23 31 23

Garrison "A" 18 6 12 22 32 22

Naval Police 16 9 12 14 34 14

Garrison "B" 16 3 13 11 37 11

R.E. Sgt's. Mess. 17 2 15 11 40 11

Highest Break. C.P.O. Grant 66.

SNOOKER

H.K. Police 3. Taikoo Club 0.
Garrison "B" 0. Garrison "A" 3.
Taikoo Club 3. D.R.C. 0.

R.E. Sgt's. Mess 1. H.K. Police 2.

H.B. Club 3. w.o. C.C.C. 0.

LEAGUE TABLE

P. W. L. F. A. Pts.

Garrison "A" 18 14 4 39 15 39

C.S.C. 17 13 4 35 16 35

H.K. Police 16 11 5 33 15 33

R.E. Sgt's. Mess. 17 11 6 32 19 32

Naval Police 18 10 6 32 19 32

H.B. Club 17 6 11 24 27 24

P.O.'s Club 17 9 9 23 28 23

C. & P.O.'s Club 15 6 9 23 22 23

D.R.C. 17 9 7 18 38 18

Garrison "B" 16 5 11 16 32 18

C.C.C. 18 5 13 15 39 35

Taikoo Club 17 4 13 14 37 14

Highest Break. Low (HBC) 30.

DARTS

R.E. Sgt's. Mess 4. H.K. Police 1.

LEAGUE TABLE

P. W. L. F. A. Pts.

C. & P.O.R.C. 10 9 1 34 16 34

Garrison "A" 8 7 1 28 12 28

R.E. Sgt's. Mess 10 4 6 23 27 23

H.K. Police 9 4 5 21 24 21

Naval Police 8 3 5 20 20 20

P.O.'s Club 8 2 6 14 26 14

D.R.C. 7 1 6 10 25 10

Highest Game. Finish. Lord (GSM) 58.

Highest Score in 3 successive darts. Taylor (HCP) 174.

Counted-out:—

P.C.R. Sadick 20 14 18 50

Total 133 129 139 401

Emergency Unit

L.S. R421 Van der Lely 23 22 29 74

L.S.R. Dorabjee 25 24 23 72

S.I. (R) C. C. Chau 23 32 30 85

P.C. R88 T. S. Tsou 23 27 30 80

S.I. (R) H. O. Tsou 22 30 28 83

P.S. R30 P. H. Thong 27 31 22 80

L.S. R20 O. T. Leong 24 28 23 75

Total 151 180 158 4

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WEDNES. H. G. Wells' Fantastic Sensation Universal : "INVISIBLE MAN" Gloria Stuart Picture Claude Rains

FAMOUS CLOWN DIGS ROADS

Coco the Clown, who has tumbled about the Bertram Mills Olympia circus ring for the last ten years, is forgetting the sound of a laugh.

Coco is a Latvian, now aged 40, who has clowned his way round the world since he was five.

He should have been at Olympia last Christmas, but there was no circus. The war cancelled it. Coco has a wife and a young family of five to feed, and since the war broke out he has tried to keep them by being a night porter at an hotel for 25s. a week.

Road labourer for £2 1s. a week;

Music-hall clown; and Pantomime clown.

Now he is looking for another job—any job that comes along, but preferably a job in the circus.

The tale of Coco's lean days was told at Windsor County Court by Mr. Noccal Poliakoff, of New-road, Ascot. Mr. Poliakoff knows all about Coco's hardships. For he is Coco.

"EVERYONE IS SO KIND!" He appeared on judgment summons for £14. He told the court the black-out had driven the circus out of business. He said he had written his life story, which was to be published soon, and he would use the first royalty to discharge the debt.

COMING EVENTS

MARCH
18—Tides: High 5.20 a.m. and 3.36 p.m. Low 7.15 a.m. and 11.39 p.m. Sunrise: 6.30 a.m.; Sunset: 6.34 p.m. Crown Land Sale, F.W.D., 3 p.m. Y.M.C.A.: War Work 9 a.m.; Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.; A.D.C. Rehearsal, 9 p.m. Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.) Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m. St. David's Society, Informal Mtg. H.K. Hotel, 5.30 p.m. St. Andrew's Club, Mystery Night, 8.30 p.m. Catholic Cathedral, Lenten Mission, 6 p.m. St. John's Cathedral, Devotional Service and Address, 5.15 p.m. Military Police Mess, Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m. St. Andrew's Working Party (Medico), 10 a.m.; (B.W.O.F.), 5 p.m. Colony Tennis Championships continued.

19—Tides: High 6.40 a.m. and 5.02 p.m. Low 9.30 a.m. Sunrise: 6.30 a.m.; Sunset: 6.34 p.m. Cheerio Club, Ladies' Advisory Committee, Bridge and Mah-jongg Drive, 3 p.m. Central British School, Physical Display, 6 p.m. H.K. Automobile Assn., Annual Mtg., Linstead and Davis Office, 5.30 p.m. H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Mtg., 1 p.m. Claims against estate of Alfred Edmund Hatch due.

Y.M.C.A.: Bridge 10 a.m.; Badminton 6 p.m.; Mixed Swimming 6 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.) Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

H.K.P.A.: Management Committee Mtg.

Colony Tennis Championships continued.

20—Tides: High 7.23 a.m. and 6.20 p.m. Low: 9.35 a.m. and 11.35 a.m. Sunrise: 6.23 a.m.; Sunset: 6.35 p.m. H.K. Rope Manufacturing Co. Ltd., Annual Mtg., 10. Des Voeux Rd. C. 11.30 a.m.

Peak School, Annual Sports, 2.45 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Badminton from 10 a.m.; A.D.C. Rehearsal, 8 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.) Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

H.K.P.A.: Management Committee Mtg.

Colony Tennis Championships continued.

21—Chess Championship, Continued.

H.K. Electric Co. Ltd., Annual Mtg., 11 a.m.; Extraordinary Gen. Mtg., 11.15 a.m.

Kai Tak Airport Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

Vagabond Rotarians Mtg., Cafe de Chine, 1 p.m.

King's College Annual Sports, Carling Hill, 1.30 p.m.

Chinese Estates Ltd., Annual Mtg., China Building, 12 noon.

Passionate Music, St. Andrew's Church 9 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Games Morning 10 a.m.; A.D.C. Rehearsal, 9 p.m.

Diocesan Girls' School, Annual Sports, King's Park, 2 p.m.

Interport Hockey Trial, Navy Ground, 5.15 p.m.

Colony Tennis Championships continued.

22—Good Friday.

United Service of Christian Witness in Kowloon, 11.30 a.m.

St. Andrew's Club, Whist Drive, 8.45 p.m.

Golf: Happy Valley Golfers v. Kowloon Golfers.

Claims against estate of Herbert Hatch due.

H.K. References Assn. Dance at Hotel Cecil, 8.30 p.m.

Passionate Music, St. John's Cathedral, 6 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Badminton 6 p.m.; Mixed Swimming, 6 p.m.

23—Portuguese Company of H.K. V.D.C., Annual Dinner, Club Lustiano, 7.30 p.m.

H.K. Jockey Club, Second Extra Race Meeting, 2 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: American Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament at King's Park, 2 p.m.

All Saints Church, Bazaar, Kowloon, 10 a.m.

24—Easter Sunday.

Golf: Shanghai Visitors' Cup; semi-final of Mixed Four-somes due to be completed; first round of Adamson Cup due to be completed.

Interport Soccer: Macao v. Hong Kong; Interport Dinner, Hotel Cecil.

25—H.K. Jockey Club, Second Extra Race Meeting, 2 p.m.

Entries Close for Kowloon Marathon Race.

International Soccer Final.

26—H.K. Whampoa Dock Co. Annual Mtg., 12 noon.

Busy Bees Working Party, Bridge & Mah-jongg Drive, Cathedral Hall, 3 p.m.

West Country Society Super-Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.

27—Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co. Ltd., Annual Mtg., 12 noon.

Cheero Club, Gala Dance, 8.30 p.m.

H.K.R.A. Prize Meeting.

China Entertainment & Land Investment Co. Ltd., Annual Mtg., King's Theatre Building, 12 noon.

28—Chess Championship, Continued.

Y.M.C.A.: A.D.C. To Present "Housemaster," 9 p.m.

H.K.R.A. Prize Meeting.

Peninsula Hotel, Harp Recital, 9.15 p.m.

China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co. Ltd., Annual Mtg., H.K. Hotel, 12 noon.

29—Institute of Engineers: Lecture on "Chemical Warfare," by Wing Com. A. H. Steele-Perkins.

H.K. Police Dance in aid of B.W.O.F., Peninsula Hotel.

Annual Colony Marathon, Kowloon, 5 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church Hall, Mah-jongg Drive in aid of D.G.S. Building Fund.

Y.M.C.A.: A.D.C. Presentation of "Housemaster," 9 p.m.

H.K.R.A. Prize Meeting.

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H.K.R.A. Prize Meeting.

Annual Children's Sports, Southern Playground, 2 p.m.

31—Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Redemption of Debentures.

Soccer: Shield Final.

H.K.R.A. Prize Meeting.

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Radio Programmes

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Schumann—Concerto in A Minor, Op. 54.

Alfred Cortot (Piano) and The London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Elsie Randolph and Jack Buchanan in Musical Comedy.

Fancy Our Meeting (from "That's a good girl!"); Now That I've Found You (from "That's a good girl")—Elsie Randolph and Jack Buchanan with Orchestra.

Music In The Air—Selection (Hammerstein 2nd and Korn)—New Mayfair Orchestra, "Mr. Whittington"—Selection—Elsie Randolph and Jack Buchanan with Carl Gibbons and John W. Green at dances accompanied by Their Boy Friends.

Head Over Heels—Selection (Gordon and Revel)—Louis Levy and His Gaumont-British Symphony with Vocal by Janet Lind.

1.36 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music by Roy Fox and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—So Rare, My Cabin Dreams—Slow Fox-Trot—What Is Romance (from "No sky so blue"); Quickstep—The Chocolate Soldier's Daughter.

Fox-Trot—There's A Gold Mine In The Sky—True Confession (from the film); Waltz—Seal It With A Kiss (from "That Girl from Paris"); Fox-Trot—The Night Is Young; and You're So Beautiful.

Fox-Trots—Whispers In The Dark (film "Artists and Models"); Stop! You're Breaking My Heart (film "Artists and Models").

2.15 Close down.

6.00 "For The Children."

Now We Are Six! (Fraser-Simson Poems by A.A. Milne); (a) Down by the Pond; (b) Twice Times—Mimi Crawford (Soprano) with Piano, John Peel (Trad.)—Harold Williams.

The B.B.C. Male Chorus, Dance of the Raindrops (Evans)—Rudy Starita (Xylophone) with Piano and Saxophone Studio Story by Aunt Pat—Beer Barrel Polka—The Fife Brothers (Harmonica) Duet with Guitar and Bass accompaniment.

Studio News of Children at Home and in the Empire; Sodas of the Sandman—Wilfred Thomas (Baritone) with Piano.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Excerpts from Wagner's Operas.

Tanhauser—Elisabeth's Prayer; Lohengrin—Elis's Dream—Maria Jeritza (Soprano) with Orchestra.

The Flying Dutchman—Overture—Bene-Walter conducting the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

The Mastersingers—Yes, Tis You Love—Gertrude Martinielli and Georges Thill with Orchestra.

Georges Thill (Tenor) with Orchestra.

7.00 Studio—Third Talk on Ballet Illustrated by records.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Iver Novello—The Miracle of Nizhnow—Temple Ballet Music from "Careless Captive".

Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra conducted by Charles Prentiss.

8.20 Violin Solo by Albert Sandler.

The Phantom Melody (Ketelby)—Piano Accomp. by The Composer.

8.30 Algerian Scene (Ketelby)—assisted by Samethini (Cello) and Byfield (Piano).

8.33 Dance Music.

Swing Fox-Trot—Lullaby In Rhythm—Harry James and His Orchestra.

8.45 Moment.

Background to the News.

8.45 Tuesdays—Background to the News.

8.45 Wednesdays—In England.

8.45 Thursdays—Card on the Table.

8.45 Fridays—Card on the Table.

8.45 Saturdays—Card on the Table.

8.45 Sundays—Card on the Table.

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U.S. URGED TO BREAK OFF RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA

PROTEST AGAINST PEACE TERMS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—Senator Clark today introduced a resolution in Congress for the severance of relations with Russia as a protest against the peace terms imposed on Finland.

Senator Clark accuses Russia of an indirect violation of the so-called Litvinoff Agreement, under which the United States recognised the U.S.S.R. in 1933.

RUSSO-ITALIAN RELATIONS

BERNE, Mar. 18 (Havas)—The Rome correspondents of several Swiss newspapers quote Italian political circles as displaying considerable scepticism regarding reports of a volte face in Russo-Italian relations.

They point out that the attitude of the controlled Russian press towards Italy has shown no signs of change.

Italy's zone of interest, it is declared, is bound to conflict with the Russian ambitions.

Italy's relations with Turkey are described as most cordial and both countries are bound to oppose Russian expansion.

RUMANIAN-SOVIET DISCUSSION

PARIS, Mar. 18 (Havas)—The Rumanian Ambassador to Russia has conferred with the Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Molotov, says a Moscow despatch.

The meeting is described in the Russian capital as the first step in improving relations between the two countries.

RUSSIAN POLICY IN SCANDINAVIA

HELSINKI, Mar. 18 (Havas)—Reason the Russians insisted on obtaining certain railway lines in the peace settlement is stated here to be the Soviet desire to seize the important iron mines in the event of a Russo-German war.

OBITUARY

Duke Of Hamilton And Brandon

LONDON, Mar. 18 (B.W.S.)—The Premier Peer of Scotland, the Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, died this morning aged 78.

The succession of Squadron Leader the Marquess of Douglas and Clydesdale, who at present is on active service with the R.A.F. and is well known in connexion with the Everest flight, will necessitate by-election in Renfrewshire, which he has represented as a Conservative since 1930.

NOBLE PRIZE NOVELIST

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 18 (Havas)—The famous woman novelist Selma Lagerloef, died today of cerebral haemorrhage. She was the first woman to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Her illness was brought about by the strain of propaganda work in favour of Finland.

WAKAMA SINKING: PROTEST MADE TO BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17 (Reuter)—Twenty-one American Republics have protested to Britain against the sinking of the Wakama in Brazilian waters.

They appealed to the belligerents to keep the war away from the American neutrality zone.

To avoid disruption of the telephone service by air raids, underground cables will be shortly laid in Chungking and an automatic service will shortly be inaugurated.

Chungking's Public Works Programme

CHUNGKING, Mar. 18 (Central)—There is no danger of Chungking's water and light systems being completely disorganised in future air raids, assured Dr. William Wu, Director of Public Works here, in a speech before the Y.M.C.A. Club at the Chungking Hostel on Tuesday.

Referring to the steps that have been taken by his Bureau to evacuate the city's population and prepare against eventualities, Dr. Wu disclosed that five locations outside Chungking have been chosen to accommodate the evacuees. Transportation between the city and the suburbs is being improved.

In this connection, Dr. Wu stated, the City Government has been authorised to borrow \$1,000,000

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NO NEW PUPPET GOVERNMENT FOR KWANGTUNG

SHANGHAI, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—The pro-Wang Ching-wei news agency, quoting authoritative sources, denies the report that a Kwangtung Provincial Government is expected to be inaugurated simultaneously with Wang's new "central regime."

The agency adds that the question of organisation of a Kwangtung Provincial Government is a matter for the new "Central Government" to decide after its inauguration.

SCOUTS' JAMBOREE IN KUNMING

KUNMING, Mar. 18 (Central)—Over 1,000 boy scouts staged a jamboree here yesterday on the occasion of Boy Scouts' Day. A sum of \$575 was raised as a comfort fund for the soldiers at the front. A report from Kian Kiang, states that the boy scouts there also held a jamboree yesterday. Following the meeting, a torch parade took place.

Delay Over Purchases In America By Allies

NEW YORK, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—Negotiations by the Allies for the purchase of additional American planes were suspended yesterday. No reason was given, but it is thought that possibly the suspension arises out of the Congress enquiry into the sale of planes to European powers which starts next year.

The suspension does not apply to repeat orders for types already released for export.

ONLY WAR MEASURE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—The British Ambassador, Lord Lothian, has issued a statement on the British restrictions on imports of certain American goods.

He said it was solely a war measure and was not designed to cause a permanent division of trade.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, said today that the consultations with the British and French economic experts were continuing.

In spite of the British restrictions, he said, U.S. exports to Britain had increased greatly since the war, and exports to France had more than doubled.

LIGHTNING BUS STRIKE IN DUBLIN

MUNICIPAL LABOUR STRIFE

DUBLIN, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—The strike of municipal employees has entered the third week and the capital was further harassed today by the lightning unofficial strike of a section of the city's bus company employees.

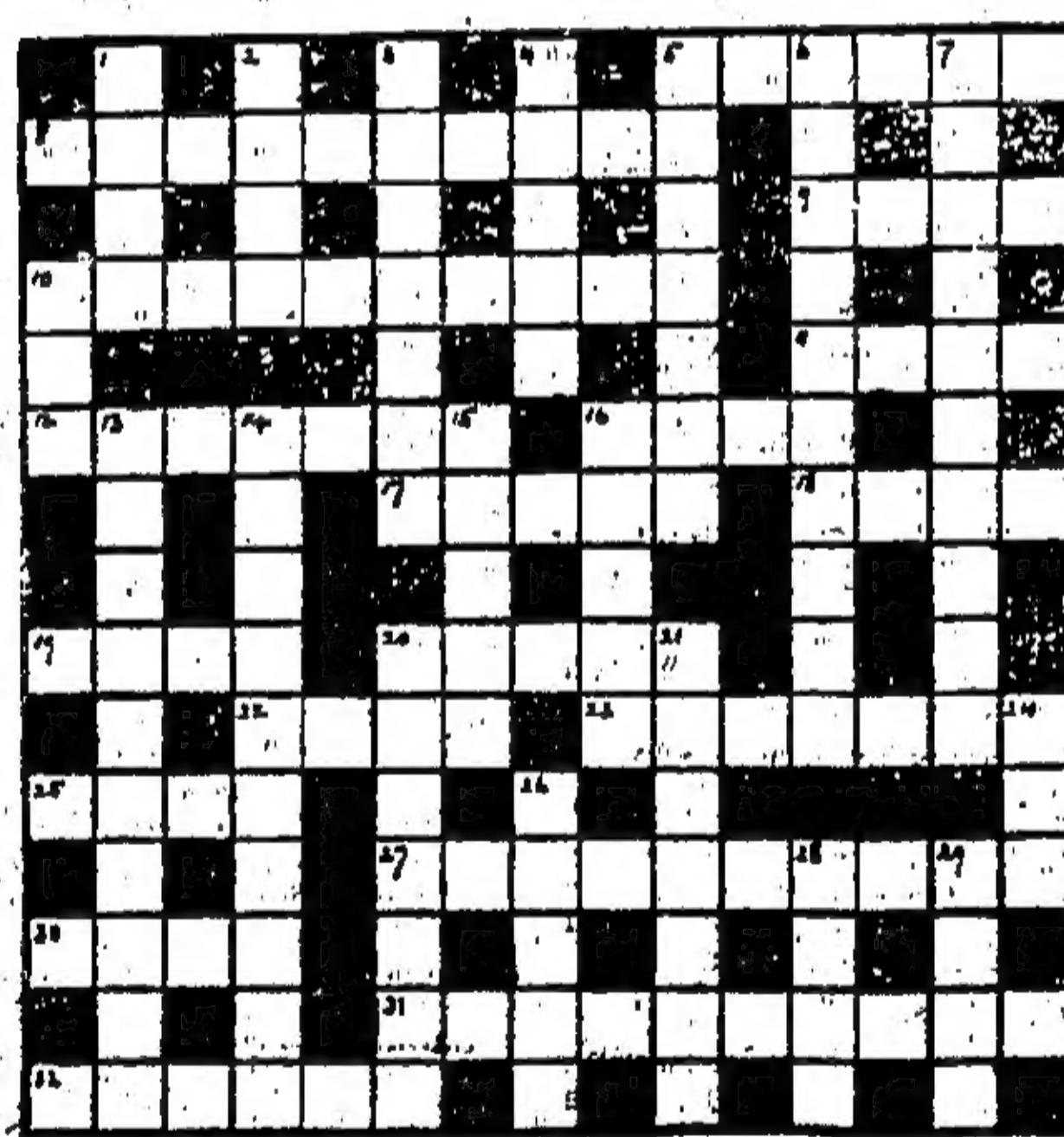
STREETS NOT CLEANED

After some hours the men returned to work.

People today trudged along streets which have not been cleaned for a fortnight.

The accumulation of house and station waste for the past week.

CROSSWORD NO. 561



ACROSS

5. May be drawn by the huntsman.
8. Sometime host at a famous feast.
9. No profit is to be made out of it.
10. Source of street harmony.
11. A beastly murderer.
12. Sticks to the athlete.
16. Rise up to make 29 down.
17. Destroyed walls in disorder.
18. Even though it may be wary, can provide wrong answer.
19. Gave a star here.
20. A great responsibility rested on his shoulders.
22. Sometimes has to be given on delivery.
23. It is not necessary to go to Brussels for them.
24. Saul's father.
27. Town in Durham.
28. Punch pseudonym.
31. An attempt on the speed-boat record was once made here.
32. You or I, solver, I expect.

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NEWSSETTES

Half fell in Kweliyang for about seventeen minutes at noon on Friday.

Tenders are invited for the reconstruction of the Yaumad Slipway pier.

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The drought in Szechuan since the arrival of spring was relieved on Friday by rain in various parts of the province which continued to fall on Saturday. Farmers were elated.

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KENNEDY RD. SHOOTING INCIDENT RECALLED

Chinese Youth Sentenced At Criminal Sessions

"As you have not attempted to give any explanation, I must treat it as a serious matter, in spite of your youth," remarked the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions on Saturday morning when he passed sentence of three years' imprisonment with hard labour on Lau Po-lor, alias Paul Lau, aged 17, when he pleaded guilty to shooting at Mrs. Alice Maude Estall, of No. 2 Warrant Officers' Quarters, Kennedy Road, with intent to maim, disfigure or disable, and shooting with intent to prevent lawful apprehension.

Lau also admitted charges of the theft of two silver chains and two religious medallions from Wu Lin-ho, amah employed by Mrs. Estall, and possession of an automatic revolver and four rounds of ammunition.

Mr. E.H. Williams, Crown Counsel, prosecuting, said that the police accepted the accused's explanation that he fired the revolver not intending to injure Mrs. Estall but to frighten her and so escape.

It was revealed that in 1937, Lau was bound over for larceny and was fined \$10 in March, 1939, also for stealing while in November last year, on a charge of being a suspected person, he was fined \$50, in default, three months' hard labour. The fine was paid.

Asked by his Lordship if he had any explanation to offer, the accused replied that he had nothing known of the man.

RETURNED BANISHEES

Three returned banishees, Chu Kwal, alias Wong Sang, Li Chol, alias Wong Fuk, and Cheung Fuk, alias Lam Fuk, were each sentenced to two years' hard labour for breaches of the Deportation Ordinance.

Presentation Of Prizes

Y.M.C.A. DIVISION OF AMBULANCE BRIGADE

A gathering of the Kowloon Y. M. C. A. Division of St. John's Ambulance Brigade took place at the Chinese Y. M. C. A., Waterloo Road, Kowloon yesterday afternoon, when Mr. Wut Lok-hing, Vice-Chairman of the Committee of the Chinese Y. M. C. A., gave away the prizes won by individual members of the squads and by teams in competition last year.

The inter-squad competitions held last year for members of the Kowloon Y. M. C. A. Division were directed by Dr. Lei Ho-tin. The prizes to team winners were donated by Dr. Wong Shing-hang and Dr. Lei Ching-wah, Divisional Surgeons of the Kowloon Y. M. C. A. Division of St. John's Ambulance Brigade, and the prizes for individual efficiency were donated by the Division and the Kowloon Chinese Y. M. C. A.

A tea to all members of the Division was also held, and among those present were Mr. A. J. Arculli and Mr. I. B. Trevor. The prize-winners were:

Prizes for Individual Members: Misses Wong Kit-ying, Lau Shulan, Yeung Wai-chung, Ma Yuet-lin, Messrs. Chow Kwoon-hing, Li Shiu-hing, Ho Kar-yuen, Yung Sui-kwong and Lo Kwok-yin.

Team Prizes: 1st Team: Wongs Pak-lin, Chan Hau, Lo Yin-ming and Yeung Hing-ka; 2nd Team: Yung Che-sung, Tsanei Wink-sang, Lo Mo-bon and Chan Yik-sang; 3rd Team: Tsui Leung-hong, Hau Kam-yuen, Chau Kwoon-hing and Chan Kay.

PASSENGERS

The following passengers will arrive at Hongkong on March 25:

Miss P. M. Byl, Mr. E. A. Grassby, Mrs. C. L. Marsh, Miss M. Marsh, Mr. J. Shannon, Mr. J. Vandbrook, Mr. F. Boutross, Mr. M. Bucholz, Mr. F. De Canterbury, Miss A. Cowdry, Mr. and Mrs. G. Giles, Mrs. G. Haermann, Mr. J. Hamilton, Mr. Lee Man King, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sargent and two children, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sovick, Mr. and Mrs. L. Wilcox and two children, Mr. J. Wooster.

RENTS REDUCTION CAMPAIGN

It is learned that the Hongkong and Kowloon Tenants' Association is organising a "Rents Reduction" campaign.

A meeting of the Association was held on Saturday, at which a special committee of 15 members was formed and discussed the plans for a petition to the Government.

GAMBLING RAID: 40 CHARGED

A surprise raid carried out by a party of police officers, on the second floor of No. 8, Queen's Road Central, on Friday night, resulted in the arrest of 40 persons who were charged before Mr. T. J. Houston, at the Central Court on Saturday, on gambling charges.

Chen Ping-wing, 28, a broker, Ling Ching-cheung, 42, doctor, Ho Fu, office boy and Lo Sik, broker, were charged with keeping a common gaming house, while 36 others were charged with gambling.

Three of the alleged keepers and 17 persons were remanded for a week. Lo Sik had his ball of \$100 estreated when he failed to appear before the Court, while the remaining 17 had their ball of \$25 estreated.

Car Plunges Into Harbour: Two Europeans Drowned In Tragic Accident

A FATAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENT, WHICH OCCURRED IN GLOUCESTER ROAD, WANCHAI, ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, resulted in the death of two Europeans, who lost their lives through drowning when a car, in which they were passengers, skidded into the harbour.

The victims of the tragic mishap were Mr. J. M. Roberts, Factory Manager and Director of the British Cigarette Company, a subsidiary of the B.A.T., and Mr. Nechaeff, also of the same company.

Four other occupants of the car, Mrs. J. H. Roberts, Mrs. Davis, Mr. F. Stafford-Smith, former manager and director of the B.A.T., and Mr. Peter Cathrew, head of the sales department of the same firm, who occupied the rear seats, had a miraculous escape from sharing the same fate.

SKID ON WET ROAD
The party of six had just left the B.A.T. factory in Gloucester Road after an informal gathering to mark the opening of the new offices. Mr. Roberts was at the wheel and when the vehicle was approaching the Luard Road junction, in a heavy downpour of rain, a pedestrian, it is alleged, dashed across the road.

Mr. Roberts swerved in an attempt to avoid hitting the man, and, in doing so, skidded violently on the wet road, the car plunging into the harbour before he could recover his control of it. The vehicle sank at once in a depth of about 20 feet of water and was not lifted out until some two hours later.

EYE-WITNESSES

Two eye-witnesses of the tragedy, Petty-Officer Parker and Able Seaman Wilson, who were on picket duty and were on the verandah of the Naval Picket-House when the accident took place, first gave the alarm and summoned help from the vicinity. They rushed to the assistance



Mr. Marcus A. Cairns and his bride, formerly Miss Irene Dorothy Williams, of the Helena May Institute, after their marriage in the Hongkong Union Church on Saturday afternoon.

Union Church Wedding

MR. M. A. CAIRNS & MISS I. D. WILLIAMS

At the Hongkong Union Church on Saturday, Miss Irene Dorothy Williams, of the Helena May Institute, became the bride of Mr. Marcus Alexander Cairns, of St. John's Apartment. The Rev. Mr. K. Mackenzie Dow conducted the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bowen Williams and is the Secretary and Treasurer of the Helena May Institute.

The bridesmaid was Miss E. Williams, sister of the bride, while Mr. T. B. Wilson acted as best man.

The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. H. G. Williams, Manager of the Wines Dept., Dodwell and Company, Limited.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Helena May Institute, and later the couple left for their honeymoon, which is being spent at Repulse Bay.

HONGKONG THANKED

CONTRIBUTION TO PROSECUTION OF WAR

In connection with the unanimous approval given by the Hongkong Legislative Council on Thursday last to the Colony's contribution towards the prosecution of the war, the following telegram was sent by His Excellency the Governor, to the Secretary of State for the Colonies after the meeting.

H.E.'S TELEGRAM

I have the honour on behalf of the Colony of Hongkong to offer to His Majesty's Government as contributions towards the prosecution of the war the following amounts:

(a) \$5,000 towards the construction and equipment of two mine-sweeping vessels, four harbour defence vessels and two ferry tenders.

(b) a gift of £100,000 in cash.

These amounts were unanimously voted in the Legislature today.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, The Secretary of State for the Colonies, replied as follows:—

Please convey to the Legislative Council of Hongkong the sincere thanks of His Majesty's Government for their exceedingly generous decision to offer an immediate gift to His Majesty's Government of £100,000 towards the prosecution of the war and to provide for the construction of naval vessels from the proceeds of special war taxation. His Majesty's Government deeply appreciate these very practical contributions by the people of Hongkong towards the successful prosecution of the war.

TRAFFICKING IN CHILDREN IN REFUGEE CAMP

A case of trafficking in children in the Kam Tin Refugee Camp, came before Mr. J. Barrow in the Court of the District Office North recently.

It was revealed that a nine-year-old girl, daughter of a refugee in the Kam Tin Camp, was sold to another woman refugee for a sum of \$35.

The girl's parents, Chak Chi and Chan Tai, were each fined \$11 or one month's hard labour. The three go-betweens in the transaction were each fined \$7 or 17 days' imprisonment.

DEMANDING MONEY ALLEGATION

Charged before Mr. T. J. Houston, at the Central Court, on Saturday, with conspiracy and demanding money with menaces, three men, named Ho Lin, unemployed, Ng Fui, office boy, and Tong Hon, salesman, were remanded for one week. Hearing was fixed for March 26.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ appeared for the defence.

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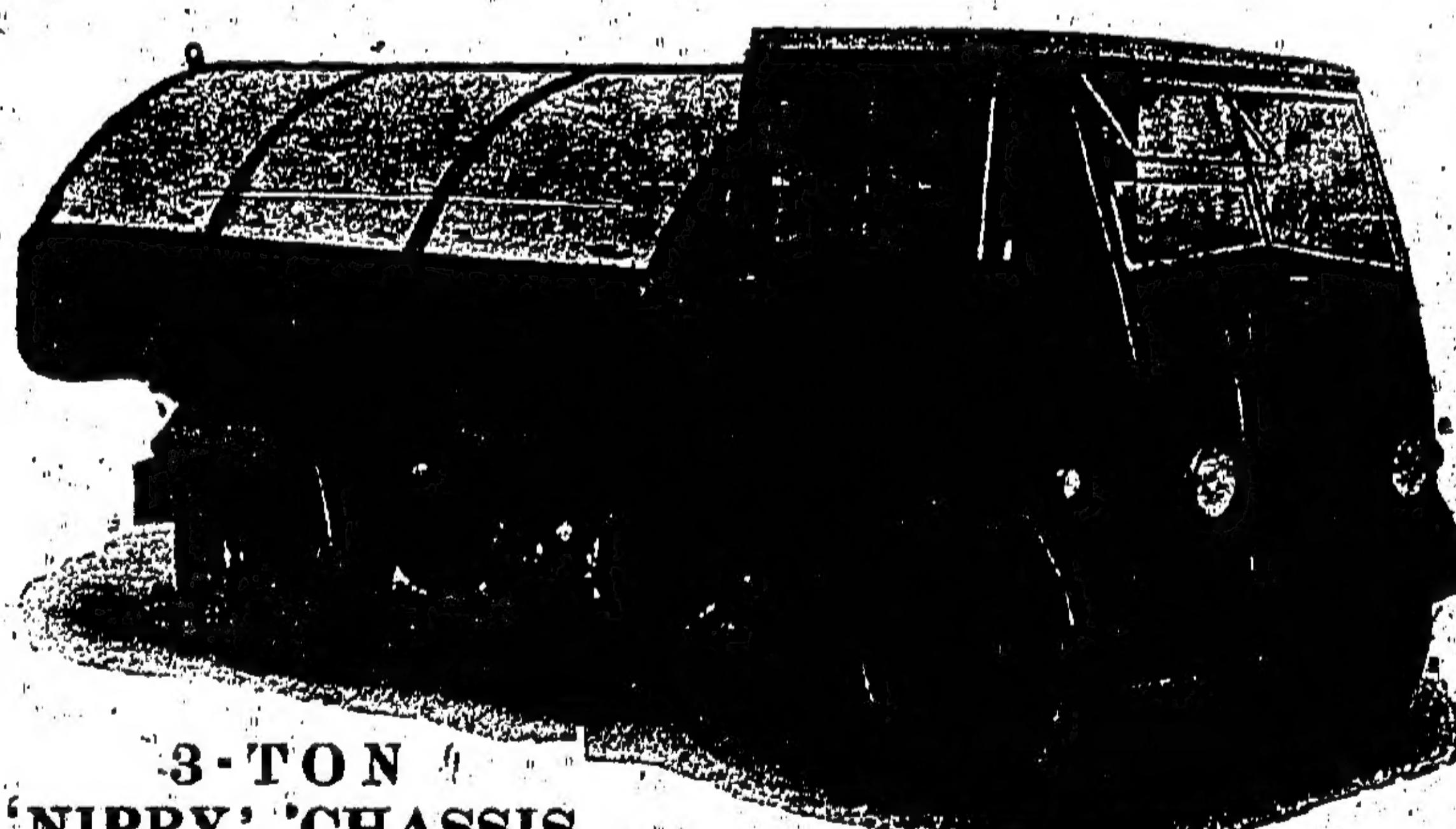
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GOVERNMENT BILLS,
ETC.
"A"

TENDERS for DOLLARS current in this Colony, for telegraphic transfer, on the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, London, up to and for the sum of £200,000, will be received by the Treasury Chest Officer, Command Pay Office, until 10.15 a.m. on the 18th March, 1940.

The tenders to state the total amount (in pounds sterling). No telegraphic transfer will be made for less than £100, but tenders for sums above that amount to suit the convenience of the tenderers will be considered.

The tenders to be in duplicate, and in sealed covers, addressed to the Treasury Chest Officer, Command Pay Office, and endorsed "Tenders for Government Bills, etc."

The right is reserved (1) to accept or reject any or all of the tenders, and, in particular (2) in case of equality of rate between tenders amounting in all to more than the total sum required, to give preference to any tenders received from Government institutions or from the bankers to the Treasury Chest.

Copies of Forms of Tender can be had on application.

Persons tendering for (Bills) are hereby notified that having regard to the provisions of the Acts 22 George III Cap. 45 and 41 George III Cap. 52 the acceptance of any such Tender is subject to the express condition that no Member of the British House of Commons shall be admitted to any share or part in or to any benefit to arise from the Contract thereby made for the allotment of such (Bills)."

"The provisions in question do not apply to Contracts entered into by any incorporated Company in its corporate capacity and made for the general benefit of the Company."

N. FORDE,
Colonel, R.A.P.C.
Treasury Chest Officer,
His Majesty's Treasury Office,
Hong Kong.

18th March, 1940.

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G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 26th day of March 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one lot of Crown Land at Shamshui po, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements N. S. E. W. ft. ft. ft. ft.	Annual Contents in Square feet	Rental	Upset Price
1 Inland Lot No. 6748.	Opposite Inland Lot No. Wong Nei Chung.	About 3,710	-	64	10,410	10
2 Inland Lot No. 6772.	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 6772. Junction of Shan Ning Road & Kai Kiang Street, Shamshui po.	As per sale plan.	About 5,380	73	10,410	10

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3 Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4337.	Near Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3385, Nathan Road, Kowloon.	As per sale plan.	About 5,185	52	9,700	10

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONG KONG &
SHANGHAI HOTELS,
LIMITED.

(Incorporated in Hong Kong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong), on Wednesday, the 17th day of April, 1940, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1939, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 3rd April, 1940, to Wednesday, the 17th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 15th March, 1940.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONG KONG AND
KOWLOON WHARF &
GODOWN CO. LTD.

Notice to Shareholders.

THE FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on TUESDAY, 2nd APRIL, 1940, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST OCTOBER, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 23rd MARCH, 1940, to TUESDAY, the 2nd APRIL, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.
Hong Kong, 11th March, 1940.

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THE HONG KONG FIRE
INSURANCE CO.
LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

THE Seventy-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 4th April, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

THE REGISTER OF DEBENTURES will be closed from MONDAY, 25th MARCH, to SATURDAY, 30th MARCH, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer to DEBENTURES can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
O. EAGER,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1940.

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4 New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 3779.	Junction of Castle Peak Road & Wing Lung Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	As per sale plan.	About 6,110	84	6,110	10

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EDITORIAL

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 29TH MARCH, 1940, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1939, electing Directors and Auditors and fixing their fees.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 21ST MARCH, 1940, to FRIDAY, the 29TH MARCH, 1940, both days inclusive.

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ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on Thursday, 21st March, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st October, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from 9th March, to 2nd March, 1940, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS
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Mr. Chang Yung-djin, cameraman, and his bride, formerly Miss Yuen Lai-ngor, after their marriage at the Registry Supreme Court on Friday. Mr. I. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiated at the ceremony. (Photo, New China News Photo Service).

FUNERAL OF MR.
LOUIS A. LEE

The funeral took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery on Saturday, of Mr. Louis A. Lee, who died early on Saturday morning. The Bishop H. Valtorta officiated at the graveside.

Among those present were the Sisters from the Precious Blood Institute, the Canossian Institute and many friends.

Wreaths were sent by Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Xavier and family, Mr. J. Anderson and Mrs. J. M. Wong, Mr. Andrew N. Wong, Mr. H. K. Wu, and others.

HONGKONG, MARCH 18, 1940

WILL THE
LUCK END?

ONCE MORE, as several times within the last six months, rumours are strong that the luck on the Western Front will soon come to an end. On the one hand, it is reported that Germany is about to launch a general attack. On the other, there are signs of a desire for early action on the part of powerful groups in France.

And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:

- That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$6,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each to \$18,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 1,800,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original Capital of the Company.
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NAZIS MOVING UP TROOPS ON WESTERN FRONT: SIGNS OF APPROACH OF BIG OFFENSIVE

French Demand For More Action: Inner Cabinet

PARIS, Mar. 16 (Havas) — Portends of a softening of the pace in hostilities between the Allies and Germany are increasing on both sides of the Maginot Line.

While in Paris, the demand for a more active prosecution of the war is becoming more insistent, with hints of the creation of an Inner Cabinet of five or six Ministers to relieve the weight on the shoulders of M. Daladier. Germany is moving up more troops and adding to border precautions.

In London, too, there is a growing feeling that the stagnation stage is speeding to an end.

The sharp slackening off of German air attacks on British shipping and the coast is interpreted here as a prelude to a mass offensive on the western front, states the Daily Telegraph. The paper adds that a contributory cause to the lack of attacks at present is Germany's desire to favourably impress Mr. Sumner Welles during his stay in Europe.

CABINET STRENGTHENING

PARIS, Mar. 16 (Reuter) — The unanimous vote of confidence in

CLASH ON SAGHALIEN BORDER

JAPANESE PATROL FIRED ON BY SOVIET GUARDS

TOKYO, Mar. 16 (Reuter) — Newspapers here report that Soviet border guards yesterday afternoon fired on a Japanese patrol on the Saghalien border. The Japanese patrol replied.

SCANTY DETAILS

Casualties are said to have been two Japanese and "more than a dozen" Soviet troops wounded. Only scanty details of the affair are available.

JAPANESE PROTEST

MOSCOW, Mar. 16 (Reuter) — A protest by Japan was lodged in Moscow today in connexion with the border incident on the jointly-owned island of Saghalien.

The Japanese allege that the incident was begun by the Russians who were repulsed.

A tense situation is now said to prevail on the border.

FINNS CONTINUE GREAT TREK FROM AREAS CEDED TO RUSSIA: HORDES ON TRAINS

£10 Million Damage Done To Finnish Cities

HELSINKI, Mar. 17 (Reuter) — Tens of thousands of sad-faced Finns continued their great trek from the ceded areas, some travelling by train, some by car and motor bus and others by sleigh or on foot. The Finns are making Herculean efforts to complete evacuation within the short time at their disposal.

Washington Incensed

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17 (Reuter) — Officials are incensed at the German reports alleging that Mr. Joseph Kennedy, American Ambassador in London, told the State Department that relations between himself and the British Government had become strained.

The German reports attribute the information to unnamed sources in Amsterdam.

RELATIONS EXCELLENT

Information from official sources in Washington indicate clearly that Mr. Kennedy's relations with British officials remain excellent.

Some Washington officials describe the German reports as "vicious propaganda," while Mr. Cordell Hull lost no time in "jumping on those reports with both feet."

DANGER ON SHIPPING ROUTES

ORDERS BY DUTCH NAVY

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 17 (Reuter)

It transpires that the Dutch naval authorities' advice to vessels not to leave port until further orders had been received applies only to shipping at Flushing. The advice followed reports that three more ships were sunk in the neighbourhood.

NEW ROUTE

The semi-official news agency announced from The Hague that a route has been decided upon which ships from Flushing could use, without running into the danger area.

Although no specific reason has been given for the naval authorities' decision, it was stated that it was not due to any disasters to Dutch shipping.

EARLIER REPORT

An earlier Havas message from Paris stated that a Rotterdam despatch reported that all Dutch shipping companies have been ordered to suspend services until further notice.

Reason is stated to be the increasing danger of the route to England.

SAFE RETURN

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter) — The Air Ministry announces that the Aircraft Bomber Command of the R.A.F. carried out reconnaissances of Heligoland Eight yesterday morning.

"Opposition was experienced from enemy fighters and anti-aircraft defences, but our aircraft completed their task and returned safely."

INDIANS CONDEMN CAXTON HALL ASSASSINATION

LONDON, Mar. 17 (BWS) — A remarkable demonstration of the feelings of horror felt by Indians in this country at the murder of Sir Michael O'Dwyer was afforded by a meeting summoned urgently at India House by the India High Commissioner, Sir Firoz Khan Noon, and attended by a large and representative gathering.

A resolution expressing detestation of the crime was moved by Dr. Katalal, representing the Hindu Association, seconded by Dr. Mohamedi, of the Moslem Society, and supported by Dr. Patrick President of the Parsee Association of Europe, and Mr. Santwan of the India Christian Community.

It is believed, on the other hand, that Mr. Welles is in possession of the German peace terms.

ROME, Mar. 16 (Reuter) — Mr. Sumner Welles, U. S. Under-Secretary of State, this morning had two long conversations with King Victor Emanuel and with Count Ciano, the Foreign Minister.

AT THE QUIRINAL

Mr. Welles first visited the King at the Quirinal Palace, where he remained for three-quarters of an hour. While he was visiting Count Ciano, the German Ambassador, Dr. von Mackensen, also visited the Italian Foreign Office and stayed there 15 minutes.

It is stated that the Nazi envoy's call had no connection with Mr. Welles' visit.

CALL ON MUSSOLINI

Mr. Welles is expected to see Signor Mussolini between 5 and 6 o'clock this evening, and will be Count Ciano's guest at an informal dinner later.

Though no appointment has been made for him to see the Pope it is expected that Mr. Welles will be granted an interview by His Holiness before he sails for New York on Tuesday.

NAZI ENVOY PRESENT

A later message stated that the Welles-Ciano meeting lasted an hour, and it is now believed that the Nazi Ambassador was present.

The Pope is seeing Mr. Welles on Monday.

PATCH-UP PEACE

LONDON, Mar. 16 (Havas) — According to the "Daily Sketch," Mr. Sumner Welles left London with the impression that the changes of a patched-up peace were about 1,000 to 1 against.

During his talk in Paris and London, he was able to see for himself that the Allies were determined to fight to the end, the paper continues, and that they will accept no compromise.

The paper sees in his visit evidence that the United States is keeping a weather eye open on Europe and predicts that either at the end of the war "an even more important envoy" will come from Washington.

70 MINUTES

ROME, Mar. 17 (Reuter) — The conversation between Mr. Sumner Welles and Signor Mussolini took place at the Palazzo Venezia and lasted 70 minutes.

MESSAGES OF THANKS

PARIS, Mar. 17 (Reuter) — Mr. Sumner Welles, in a telegraph message to M. Daladier, expressing thanks for his reception in Paris, declared:

"The conversations which I had the honour to have with you and various statesmen have been particularly frank and useful and I will report on them in detail to President Roosevelt on my return to Washington."

M. Daladier replied expressing pleasure at the useful conversation and asking Mr. Sumner Welles to act as the interpreter of his feelings to President Roosevelt.

A Havas message from Cairo states that the advertising of German products has been banned throughout Egypt by the authorities.

CABLES

R.A.F. Bomber Flights Over Poland, Prague

LONDON, Mar. 16 (Reuter) — An Air Ministry announcement issued in London this afternoon stated that during the last 24 hours air reconnaissance flights included an extensive flight over Polish territory by planes of the Bomber Command.

RUNNING FIGHT

The announcement also reveals that an aircraft of the Coastal Command was engaged by an enemy bomber.

A long running fight ensued during which the enemy machine was repeatedly hit but finally escaped into the clouds.

SUDDEN BLACK-OUT

The Nazi Celebrations of the Anniversary of the occupation of Czechoslovakia ended last night in a sudden black-out.

There has been no explanation but it is recalled that the recent R.A.F. flights over Prague caused an extinguishing of lights.

The Prague and Brno radio stations went off the air for several minutes.

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POPULATION IN JAPAN DWINDLING

Special To H.K. Daily Press

TOKYO, Mar. 17 (Havas) — The first interpellation on the Eugenics Bill in the Diet, Mr. Hisayoshi Muramatsu urged the Government to adopt measures to increase the population in Japan in order to counteract the effect the Bill might have on the birth-rate of the country.

He pointed out that the increase in population had considerably fallen of late.

NAZIS TRYING TO DRAW ITALY AND RUSSIA CLOSER TOGETHER: NEED FOR ANOTHER CHANNEL FOR SOVIET GOODS

Yugoslavian Ship Sunk

LONDON, Mar. 17 (Reuter) — Another neutral country to lose merchant ships is Yugoslavia when its first vessel, the Slava, was sunk in the Bristol Channel. One fireman lost his life.

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BRITAIN WATCHING Russia's Expected Move In Balkans

LONDON, Mar. 16 (Havas) — Soviet quarters in London confirm that Italy and Russia recently started commercial parleys under the aegis of Germany, whose main aim is to draw Italy and Russia closer together in order to create another channel for importing Russian goods in to Germany. The information is not confirmed in Italian quarters, who, nevertheless, admit one common point in the Italian and Russian attitudes—to bring about a speedy end of the present hostilities.

Neither Italy nor Russia wish a victory either for the Allies or Germany, since such a victory would imperil their own claims.

GENEVA, Mar. 16 (Reuter) — "Tribute de Genve" says: "Since Germany is likely to emerge too exhausted for further adventures the Soviets have nothing to fear from German imperialism."

Russian adventures in the Balkans are certain to encounter Italian opposition. The Red Army cadres are cracking everywhere and need a long period to reorganise.

"The Allies, by their offer to Finland, have shown that they have reached the limit of concessions and will not hesitate to declare war."

"All leads to the inference that Stalin will rest on victory and try to prolong the war till Germany is exhausted."

GERMANY'S LOSSES PARIS, Mar. 16 (Reuter) — "Paris Writing in 'Ordre'" says: "All the strategic and economic positions won by the Soviets are as many guns pointed at Germany."

"The Reich is now on the way to losing the naval and commercial control of the Baltic, which has now become a Russian lake, thus realising the dream of Peter the Great."

FINNISH REFUGEES FROM AREAS CEDED BY PEACE TREATY

HELSINKI, Mar. 16 (Havas) — Thousands of refugees are already pouring into inner Finland from the regions ceded to Russia by the Peace Treaty.

The emigrants, who it is expected, will total 99 per cent. of the total population in these areas, are mostly farmers and small landowners who are leaving all their property behind in order to be free from Soviet rule.

According to the existing plan people in the Karelian Isthmus will be transferred to inner Finland, while those from the Lake Ladoga region will be given an opportunity to settle down on the sea coast.

TRUCKS COMMANDED

BRUSSELS, Mar. 16 (Reuter) — In Central Finland all trucks were commandeered yesterday to transport the refugees, and whatever they took with them from their homes.

On the other hand, the termination of the war was marked in Helsinki yesterday by people taking off the black curtains masking their windows, while shopkeepers tore off strips of paper on windows, designed to break the effects of bomb blast.

OLYMPIC GAMES

With the return of peace plans for the 1940 Olympiad (scheduled to be held in Helsinki) have been taken up again.

A high official of the organising committee emphasised yesterday that preparations for the programme had already gone so far that there was no reason to give them up.

SWEDISH AID

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 16 (Reuter) — The evacuation of civilians from 12,000 square miles of territory ceded to Russia is continuing,

and the war will remain immovable along the Rhine."

ISTANBUL, Mar. 17 (Reuter) — Another step towards the calling up of all non-commissioned officers in Istanbul District was taken today when eleven classes of infantry non-commissioned officers, in the Faith Area, were ordered to report for 45 days' training.

Non-commissioned officers in other branches of the service, such as artillery, cavalry and communications, have already been called up.

Club Wrest Blarney Stone Shield From Police 'A' In Thrilling Rugby Final On Saturday

Seven - A - Side Tournament In Bad Weather Conditions

BY "FLY-HALF"

Despite bad weather conditions, a large crowd packed the stands at the Valley on Saturday last to see Club "A", new holders of the Blarney Stone Shield, smash their way to victory in the final over the Police "A" in a thrilling and gruelling encounter by a goal and a try (8 points) to a try (3 points), after being led 3-0 in the first half.

Police "A" in forcing their way to the final round, were in a measure lucky. Their victory over the Royal Engineers in an otherwise evenly contested game in the semi-final was obtained as a result of a penalty goal by Taylor in the very last minute of the game and only after extra time had been called.

BANK DISAPPOINTS

In the other semi-final, the Hongkong Bank Seven, a much fancied combination for the title in certain quarters, played disappointingly against Club "A" to lose by 11 points to nil.

By a strange irony of fate, in the quarter finals, "Lady Luck" favoured the Royal Engineers when she helped them to defeat the 8th Heavy Regiment by a penalty goal in the identical manner in which the Royal Engineers were defeated by the Police.

At the conclusion of the final, H. E. the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Percy Noble, presented the Blarney Stone Shield to A. F. Walkden, captain of the Club Team.

Mr. C. Austin, Club Rugby Hon. Secretary, is to be congratulated on the fine work he put in towards organising the tournament.

Owing to adverse weather conditions in which the games were played, the orders of the day were "Feet, Feet", and "Kick and Run" — and rightly so, since these were the only effective forces of attack.

THRILLING MATCH

The best and most thrilling match was undoubtedly the final encounter between Police "A" and Club "A". In this game, the Police rose to the occasion and gave one of their finest performances in the series, whilst Club "A" displayed rare brilliance to defeat the former holders, after being led 3-0 in the first half.

Thomson gave a brilliant exhibition of rugger and was undoubtedly the hero of the day. Other outstanding players for the Club were Bosanquet and Heasman.

The Police "A" were best served by Wilson who played a fine defensive game, whilst Taylor was also prominent in the first half.

FIRST TRY

The former holders started the game by attacking strongly and, following a good pass from Culiman, Taylor broke through to record the first try, but failed to convert with the kick.

Clinging to this early lead, the Police continued to attack, but the Club defence held out.

The first thrill of the afternoon came when Thomson kicked past the Police defence and, with a clear field ahead of him, placed the ball out of play over the dead line.

Royal Navy Rugby Team

A SUCCESSFUL
SEASON

The Royal Navy Rugger team had a very successful 1939-40 season. The team scored a total of 209 points as against 295 lost.

32 MATCHES

During the year they played 32 matches of which they won 15, lost 14 and drew three. In addition to this fine record, they were represented in six representative matches and also played several international games.

In the Triangular Tournament they lost to the Army on two occasions, with the scores of 0-25 and 3-5 against them, while against the Club they lost the first match at 15-19 points and won the return match by 14-3.

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Outstanding players, who participated in most of the matches

TWO SOFTBALL LEAGUE GAMES YESTERDAY

International Athletic Club forfeited the points to Recreco "A" in the local Softball League and the other two games played yesterday resulted as follows:

H.K. Baseballers	16	15	6
Trojans	14	5	3
Philippines	11	11	7
Liga	7	6	8

and who bore the brunt of the season's play, were L. S. A. Palmer, who played in 24 of the season's games, Ldg. Wtr. Barlow 20, Telegraphist Bowdell 21, Telegraphist Paul 19, Lt.-Cdr. Clarke 19, Chief Writer King 19, Ldg. Wtr. Ferris 16, Sub-Lt. Kennedy 16, Fl.-Lt. Taylor 15, Lt. Carter 15, Lt. (E) Brown 15, Ldg. Sg. Inglis 15, Pay-Lt. Stevens 12, Midshipman O'Riordan 14, and Pay-Lt. Charles 12.

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S
SPORTS

The sixth annual children's sports at the Southern Play-ground, Wan Chai, will be held on Saturday, March 30, at 2 p.m. At 4:30 p.m. there will be a football match and at 5 p.m. Lady MacGregor will distribute the prizes.

FANLING RACE MEETING

Continued From Page 2

National Unity	14	22
Sea Urchin	142	150
Total	953	831

Kiela was in the lead as far as the dip in the Australian Grand National Steeplechase, when Brutus took first position, Glorious Star was third in line and Sea Urchin fourth. Brutus was well in front on entering the straight, but its rider, Mr. Treverton, was unseated at one of the fences in the straight. Glorious Star then took the lead, Kiela having weakened and continued with Sea Urchin, a neck behind.

National Unity jumped off the course and attempted to take a short cut to the stable. With Glorious Star and Sea Urchin fighting out the finish, Kiela, the only other pony left in the race, was able to take third place.

Bogey, favourite for the Dublin Handicap, was first away but was soon displaced by Arabian Cat, least fancied, who maintained its lead to the finish. Lucky Eleven and Heddon shared the remaining honours, with a short head between them.

KWANTI CUP

Tarzan, second favourite, looked as if he would win the Kwanti Cup from the fast manner in which he was off. Dick Turpin, third favourite, was soon on his heels, however, and having taken the lead into the straight, went on to win a good race. In the home run, Perols D'Oriente, an outsider, beat Tarzan for the second place.

Phoenix, favourite, was the first to show up in the Shamrock Stakes but Talkative, an outsider, overhauled it in the home run and Phoenix had to be content with second position. Emergency Call came up well to fill third place.

The last race, the Dublin Handicap, was a very thrilling affair. The field raced home almost abreast. Dow Jones, second favourite, eventually winning its first race in many months by a short head from Old Fashioned, the favourite. New Bedford, was prominent early but weakened in the last furlong.

Following are the full results:

1.—The Fanling Grand National & Pierce Grove Memorial Cup

(1½ Miles)

Mr. J. G. Whittaker's Clowner	168 lbs.	(Mr. T. W. Chattey)
Gull	157.58	1
(Capt. A. O. G. Mills)		4
Jan	157.43	2
(Capt. J. Krogh-Moe)		2
Joss	158.52	3
(Capt. G. E. Neve)		1
Mixed Classes Started At 14.50 Hrs.		
Wendy	16.04.20	1
(H. W. Browne)		10
Siskin	16.06.45	2
(D. Allen)		8
Alisa	16.06.52	3
(Capt. W. A. Ingram)		8
Widgeon	16.51.37	4
(P. F. McCabe)		4
Nanette	16.11.54	5
(S. R. Hawke)		3
Owl	0.0.0.0	6
D.N.F.		1

"A" Classes Started At 14.40 Hrs.

Yacht Finished Post. Pts.

Gull

Three Farthings, 140 lbs.

(Mr. W. A. Ingram)

Mr. H. L. B. Dowbiggin's

Ebony Idol, 168 lbs.

(Mr. Ferguson)

Won by many lengths, 5 lengths

between second and third.

Time: 4:15.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner: \$7.90.

Places: \$6.80, \$15.60.

Also ran: Widnes (Mr. J. Barrow) 140 lbs.

Betting

Clowner	439	125
Ebony Idol	281	123
Three Farthings	32	26
Widnes	36	25

Total 788 318

2.—The Governor's Cup (1½ Miles)

Mrs. A. H. R. Butcher's

March Brown, 168 lbs.

(Mr. A. H. R. Butcher)

Major Oliver's Double Chance,

188 lbs. (Mr. T. W. Chattey)

Mr. G. W. Hook's Seventeenth

of September, 168 lbs.

(Mr. G. W. Hook)

Won by 5 lengths, many lengths

between second and third.

Time: 2:57.4.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner: \$12.70.

Places: \$6.30, \$20.20.

Also ran: Jack O'Lantern, 168 lbs. (Mr. J. Barrow) and The Minx, 168 (Mr. Fielden).

Betting

Double Chance	264	143
Jack O'Lantern	287	162
March Brown	333	248
17th of Sept.	7	14
The Minx	73	84

Total 964 650

3.—The Australian Grand National

Steeplechase (2 Miles)

Mr. M. M. Watson's

Glorious Star, 148 lbs.

(Mr. G. W. Hook)

Mr. S. T. Williamson's

Sea Urchin, 168 lbs.

(Mr. T. W. Chattey)

Capt. H. Marsh's Kiela, 140 lbs.

(Mr. Buchanan)

Won by many lengths, many

lengths between second and third.

Time: 3:24.23.

Pari-mutuel:—

Winner: \$22.60.

Places: \$8.70, \$9.

Also ran: Brutus, 168 lbs. (Mr. Treverton) and National Unity, 152 (Mr. Jeffrey).

Betting

Brutus	585	242
Glorious Star	182	184
Kiela	13	53

Total 1,439 778

NAVAL YARD FOOTBALL

In a friendly soccer match played on the Naval Yard football ground yesterday, the Indian Company of the Hongkong Police Reserve defeated the Chinese members of H. M. S. Tamar by five goals to nil.

The following were the scorers:

M. Jacob 3, A. Tipe and Abbas

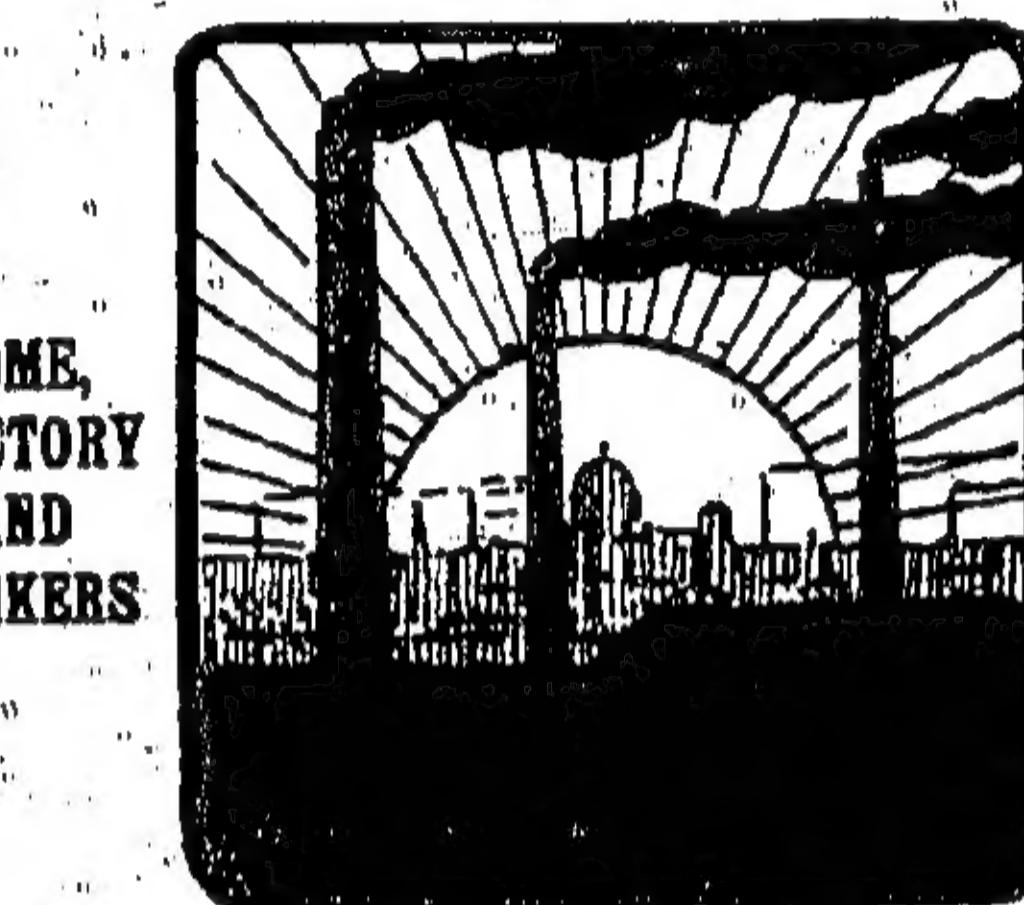
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TRAINING GALLOPS

The following times were clocked during the morning gallops at the Race Course:—

Dis-	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Last
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HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Buyers	Sellers	Date	Nominal	SATURDAY 16 MAR.	Buyers	Sellers	Date	Nominal
\$1490	...	\$1500		Banks	...	...	\$1500	
...	...	2812		H.K. Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	...	2914	
...	...	9/5/18		H.K. Do. (Loc. Reg.)	...	...	2915	
...	...	311		Chartered Banks	...	...	2916	
...	...	2123		Mercantile Bks. "O"	...	...	2917	
...	...	777		Bank of East Asia	...	...	2918	
...	...			N. C. & S. Banks	...	...	2919	
...	...			Insurances	...	...	2920	
...	...	8232		Canton Insurances	...	...	2921	
...	...	501		Union Insurances	...	...	2922	
...	...	31		Underwriters	...	90 cts.	2923	
...	...			H.K. Fire	...	...	2924	
...	...			Shipping	...	...	2925	
...	...	150		Douglas	...	...	2926	
...	...	101		Steamboats	...	...	2927	
...	...	110		Indo-Chinas (Prod.)	...	...	2928	
...	...	80		Indo-Chinas (Dist.)	...	...	2929	
...	...	70/44		Shells	...	...	2930	
...	...	74		Waterboats	...	...	2931	
...	...			Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.	...	...	2932	
...	...	108		H.K. & K. Wharves	...	...	2933	
\$6.20	...	25.16/20		Providents	\$100	\$5.20	2934	
...	...	23.10		Providents (new)	\$23.10	\$23.10	2935	
...	...			H.K. & W. Docks	...	...	2936	
...	...			Do. (new)	...	...	2937	
...	...			Shanghai Docks & New Engineering S.	...	...	2938	
...	...			Mining	...	...	2939	
...	...	19/0		Kallang	...	...	2940	
...	...	89.60		Ruhs	...	...	2941	
...	...	84		Venezuela Gold Mds.	...	...	2942	
...	...	4 cts.		Hong Kong Mines	...	...	2943	
...	...			Lands Hotels and Buildings	...	...	2944	
...	...			H.K. Hotels	...	...	2945	
...	...	37/38		H.K. Lands S.	...	...	2946	
...	...	110		Do. 4% Debentures	...	...	2947	
...	...	18.40		Shanghai Lands S.	...	...	2948	
...	...	50/4.85		H.K. Realties	...	...	2949	
...	...	87		Humphreys	...	...	2950	
...	...	105		Chinese Estates	...	...	2951	
...	...			Cotton Mills	...	...	2952	
...	...			Evo. (S.)	...	...	2953	
...	...			Shai Cottons (S.)	...	...	2954	
...	...			Zoong Sing (S.)	...	...	2955	
...	...			Wing On Textiles (S.)	...	...	2956	
...	...			Public Utilities	...	...	2957	
\$18.15	\$18.30	18.20		Tramways	\$18.15	\$18.20	2958	
...	...	88		Peak Trams (old)	...	...	2959	
...	...	84		Peak Trams (new)	...	...	2960	
...	...	857		Star Ferries	...	...	2961	
...	...			Yatni Ferries	...	...	2962	
...	...			Do. (new)	...	...	2963	
...	...			China Lights (O)	...	...	2964	
...	...	85.65		China Lights (New)	...	...	2965	
...	...	88		H.K. Electric	...	...	2966	
...	...	88		Macao Electric	...	...	2967	
...	...	8112		Sandakan Lights	...	...	2968	
...	...	830		Telephones (old)	...	...	2969	
...	...	8112		Telephones (new)	...	...	2970	
...	...	23.0		Tramways	...	...	2971	
...	...			Tramways (prod.)	...	...	2972	
...	...			Industrials	...	...	2973	
...	...	814.90		Cald. Mag. (Ord.) S.	...	...	2974	
...	...	812		Cald. Mag. (Mag. Prod.) S.	...	...	2975	
...	...	81		Canton Iron	...	...	2976	
...	...			Cements	...	...	2977	
...	...			Boyes	...	...	2978	
...	...			Miscellaneous	...	...	2979	
...	...			Dairy Farm (Old)	...	...	2980	
...	...			Dairy Farm (New)	...	...	2981	
...	...			Ch. E. Tanneries	...	...	2982	
...	...			Constructions (old)	...	...	2983	
...	...			Constructions (new)	...	...	2984	
...	...			Lane Crawford	...	...	2985	
...	...			Nanyang Tobacco	...	...	2986	
...	...			Sincere	...	...	2987	
...	...			Watsons	...	...	2988	
...	...			Ch. G. 5% 1929G \$Bd.	...	...	2989	
...	...			H.K. Govt. 4% Loans	...	...	2990	
...	...			H.K. Govt. 5% Loan	...	...	2991	
...	...			H.K. Wing On	...	...	2992	
...	...			Vibro Piling	...	...	2993	
...	...			Marmans Inv. (Loc.)	...	...	2994	
...	...			Marmans Inv. (H.K.)	...	...	2995	
...	...			Wm. Powells	...	...	2996	
...	...			*Sales to Shanghai	...	...	2997	

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London March 15.	Chosen Corporation	6/6
The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.	Pekin Syndicate	1/6
War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red after 1952).....	99.3/16	
Canton-Kloon Rly. 5%.....	15	
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan.....	188	
1898 (Brit. Issue).....	59	
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47.....	51	
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908.....	50	
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.).....	29	
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1912.....	40	
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers).....	104	
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5%.....	55	
Loan.....	55	
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911.....	15	
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue).....	17	
Lung Tsing & U. Rai Rly. 5% 1913.....	13	
S'hai N'King Rly. 5%.....	20	
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.).....	13	
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.).....	13	
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan).....	13	
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan).....	13	
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1907.....	502	
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924.....	55	
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924.....	74	
Chartered Bank.....	9/16	
H.K. & Shai Bank (Ldn. Reg.).....	914	
H.K. & Shai Bank (Col. Reg.).....	92	
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer).....	19	

Finance and Commerce

High Degree Of Bank Of East Asia's Liquidity Is Well Maintained

The high degree of liquidity of our bank has been well maintained throughout the year and at the end of the period our cash available, including in stock and in transit, stands at over \$16,500,000," declared Mr. Li Koon-chun, Acting Chairman of the Board of Directors, when he presided at the shareholders of the Bank of East Asia Limited, held at No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday afternoon.

"It is indeed, hardly necessary for me to say that in view of the unsettled conditions in the world today we should continue to operate our bank on this sound and conservative basis," added Mr. Li Koon-chun.

Supporting the chairman were Messrs. P. K. Kwok, Wong Yun-tong, Li Lan-sang, Chan Ching-shen, Wong Chu-son, Kan Ying-po and Fung Ping-wah (Directors), Kan Tong-po (Chief Manager), Li Tse-fong (Manager).

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

Addressing the meeting, Mr. Li Koon-chun said:

The net profit for the year, including the amount brought forward, amounts to \$837,312.73 which shows a slight improvement as compared with that of the previous year. Taking into consideration that the year under review was beset with many difficulties, I think you will agree with me, that the result may be considered quite satisfactory.

The high degree of liquidity of our bank has been well maintained throughout the year and at the end of the period our cash available, including bullion in stock and in transit, stands at over \$16,500,000. It is, indeed, hardly necessary for me to say that in view of the unsettled conditions in the world today we should continue to operate our bank on this sound and conservative basis.

FOREIGN CREDITS

Towards the end of 1939 when the public had adapted themselves to the new conditions created by the war in Europe, there has been a general improvement in business resulting in a welcome expansion of over \$1,200,000 under the heading of Foreign credits. I hope that this improvement will continue but I must say that traders have yet to face many obstacles as long as the present condition in the neighbouring provinces remains unchanged.

In valuing our Investment and Loan Account, your Directors are maintaining their conservative policy by allocating adequate provisions for bad and doubtful debts before arriving at the figures at which they are published in the balance sheet before you. There is a reduction of about \$1,000,000 under Loan Account and our Investment shows a decline of a little over \$300,000.

Our Bank Buildings Accounts which stands at \$2,196,000, is far below the market value of the properties which make up this account. In this connection it may

NAZI - RUMANIAN TRADE

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 16 (Reuters)—Re

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS MARCH 16, 1940

On London:	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/2 22/32
Bank Bills, on demand	1/2 26/33
Credits 4 months' sight	1/3 3/32
On Shanghai:	
On demand	350
On Singapore:	
On demand	52 3/8
On Japan:	
On demand	95 1/2
On India:	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/2 22/32
and demand	1/2 22/32
On New York:	
Bank Bills, on demand	22 1/2
Credits 60 days' sight	23 3/8
On Batavia:	
On demand	41 3/4
On Paris:	
Bank Bills, on demand	108/2
Credits 4 months' sight	113/7
On Saigon:	
On demand	108
On Manila:	
On demand	45
On Bangkok:	
On demand	150 1/2
On Sterling Notes:	
Bank Buying Rate	1/3 31/32
Bar Silver per oz.	30 16/16

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices rose 1/4 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 20.15/16 for both Ready and Forward. Silver advices reported India as having bought to a small extent. The market was steady but quiet. American Silver was quoted at 34.3/4 for Spot. The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402.1/2. New York-London was quoted at 371.1/8. Market

The market was steady.

Sterling

There were sellers at 1/2 27/32 March-June, buyers at 1/2 7/8 for Cash.

U.S. Dollars

Uncertain at the opening and subsequently sellers were quoted at 22.7/8 for Cash leading to business at 22.7/8 April. The market closed with small sellers at 23 for Cash and 22.15/16 first half April, buyers at 23.1/16 for Cash and 23 April.

Shanghai Dollars

359.

Shanghai Market

4 1/8 sellers for Spot

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Mar. 16 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

London 0/4

New York 6-3/16

Japan 28-1/4

India 22-1/8

Paris 2.94

Hongkong 28-3/4

Sellers

Opening

Closing

Spot 0/4-1/4 0/4-1/8

Mar. 0/4-5/16 0/4-3/32

Apr. 0/4-1/16 0/4-3/64

U.S. Dollars

Spot 56-11/32 56-3/8

Mar. 6-9/32 6-11/32

Apr. 6-5/32 6-1/4

Market—Steady.

Merchant Rates

Sterling, 0/4-3/32.

U.S. Dollars, 6-1/4.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2/2.

The Equalisation rate was 10-1/4 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Mar. 16 (Reuter).

T.T. on Japan, 85-2/8.

New York Exchange

New York, Mar. 16 (Reuter).

T.T. on London (Opening Rate). 371-5/8.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Mar. 16 (Reuter).

Govt. 31% Rupee, 94-02-0.

London Metals Exchange

London, Mar. 15 (Reuter).

Buyers sellers

TIN

Standard, Cash 251-3/4 252-1/4

Standard

3-months 250 250-1/4

Standard

Settlement Price 252

Straits 277-1/4

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COMMODITY BROKERS STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING HONGKONG

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW (FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK MARCH 16, 1940.			
Previous	March 16	Opening	Closing Change
Buyers	Buyers	Buyers	Change
37 1/4	37 cts.	37 1/4	unch.
SPOT			
APRIL-JUNE	36 1/8	35 3/4	36 1/4 up 1/8
JULY-SEPT.	34 1/2	34 1/4	35 up 1/2
The market was steady but quiet.			
LONDON RUBBER	Previous close	Today's close	
Buyers	Buyers	Buyers	Change
11-1/8			
SPOT			
APRIL	11-1/8		
MAY	11-1/8	Market closed	
JUNE	11-1/16		
JULY-SEPT.	11		
OCT.-DEC.	10-15/16		
The market was firm.			

NEW YORK COTTON: The market is without any definite trend and is fluctuating in sympathy with news of varying import loss orders dealers continued selling together with Commission House liquidation. The irregularity of stocks, failure on the part of tanners to show more interest in actuals and fear that packers will lower their selling prices were the main influences. Market appears oversold.

CHICAGO WHEAT: The market was firm and fairly active after being easier on early local selling. The Trade was aided by the firmness of the mill markets and buying by large Eastern interests. The official weather forecast over this weekend shows no indications of moisture in the South-West.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 146.53; Today's close, 145.76; Change, off .77.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET (REUTER'S SERVICE)

Prev. Today's					
	High	Low	Close	Close	Change
New York Cotton, May	10.56	10.51	10.54	10.52	.12 off
New York Rubber, May	18.11	18.00	18.1b	18.08b	.03 off
Chicago Wheat, May	102	100b	101	107	1 up
Chicago Corn, May	58	55	59	55	.4 off
New York Hides, June	13.75	13.51	13.83	13.80	.23 off
NEW YORK COTTON	Close	Opening	Closing	Change	
May	10.64/64	10.58/58	10.52/52	.12 off	
July	10.39/39	10.33/34	10.29/29	.10 off	
July (New contract)	10.53 N	10.44b/46a	10.43 N	.10 up	
October ()	9.83/83	9.78/74	9.70/70	.13 off	
December ()	9.68/68	9.58/59	9.58/58	.12 off	
January ()	9.63 N	9.54/54	9.51 N	.12 off	
Spot	10.90 N		10.77 N	.13 off	
Total sales Friday: 49,800 bales.					
Last notice day for March cotton:—15/3/40.					

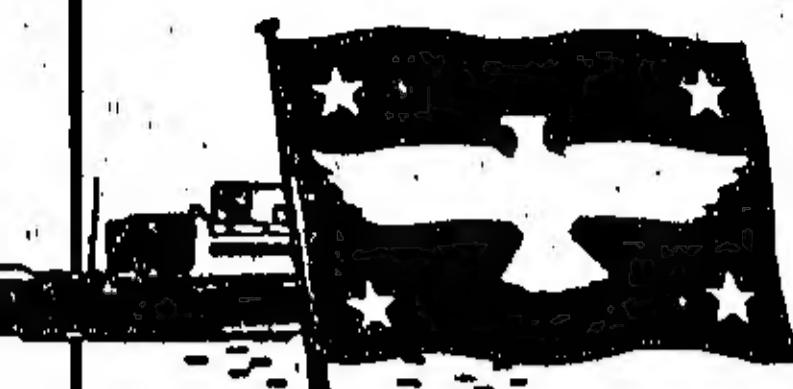
NEW YORK RUBBER					
March	18.20b/26a	—	18.20b/25a	unch.	
May	18.15b/20a	18.15b/20a	18.08b/10a	.03 off	
July	18.00/00	18.02/02	17.98/98	.02 off	
September	17.90/90	17.92b/98a	17.80/90	unch.	
December	17.74/74	—	17.75/75	.01 up	
Total sales: 820 tons.					
Last trading day:—27/3/40.					

CHICAGO WHEAT: Friday's sales: 22,770,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN					
May	56/56	553/554	553/554	.1 off	
July	56/56	563/564	563/564	.1 up	
September	57/57	—	57/57	.1 off	

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July	89 b	—	89/89	.1 up	
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HIGH WATER. LOW WATER

Days of Week	Date of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Mon.	18	h. m.	3' 8	h. m.	3' 7
	05.30	3' 8	3' 4	07.15	3' 0
	15.38	3' 8	4' 0	23.09	2' 0
Tues.	19	06.40	4' 0	09.30	3' 9
	17.03	3' 5	—	—	—
Wed.	20	07.23	4' 4	00.05	1' 6
	18.20	4' 4	11.65	3' 8	—
Thur.	21	07.55	4' 8	01.38	1' 4
	19.25	4' 8	13.05	3' 1	—
Fri.	22	08.30	5' 3	02.15	1' 3
	20.24	5' 3	13.58	2' 6	—
Sat.	23	09.04	5' 8	02.50	1' 3
	21.19	5' 8	14.49	1' 9	—
Sun.	24	01.40	6' 1	03.28	1' 4
	22.10	6' 1	15.35	1' 5	—

SUEZ CANAL RETURNS

ROME, Mar. 17 (Reuter)—It is announced that Italy continued to occupy second place among countries using the Suez Canal during February. Britain was first in the 1st and, after Italy, came Holland, Greece and France.

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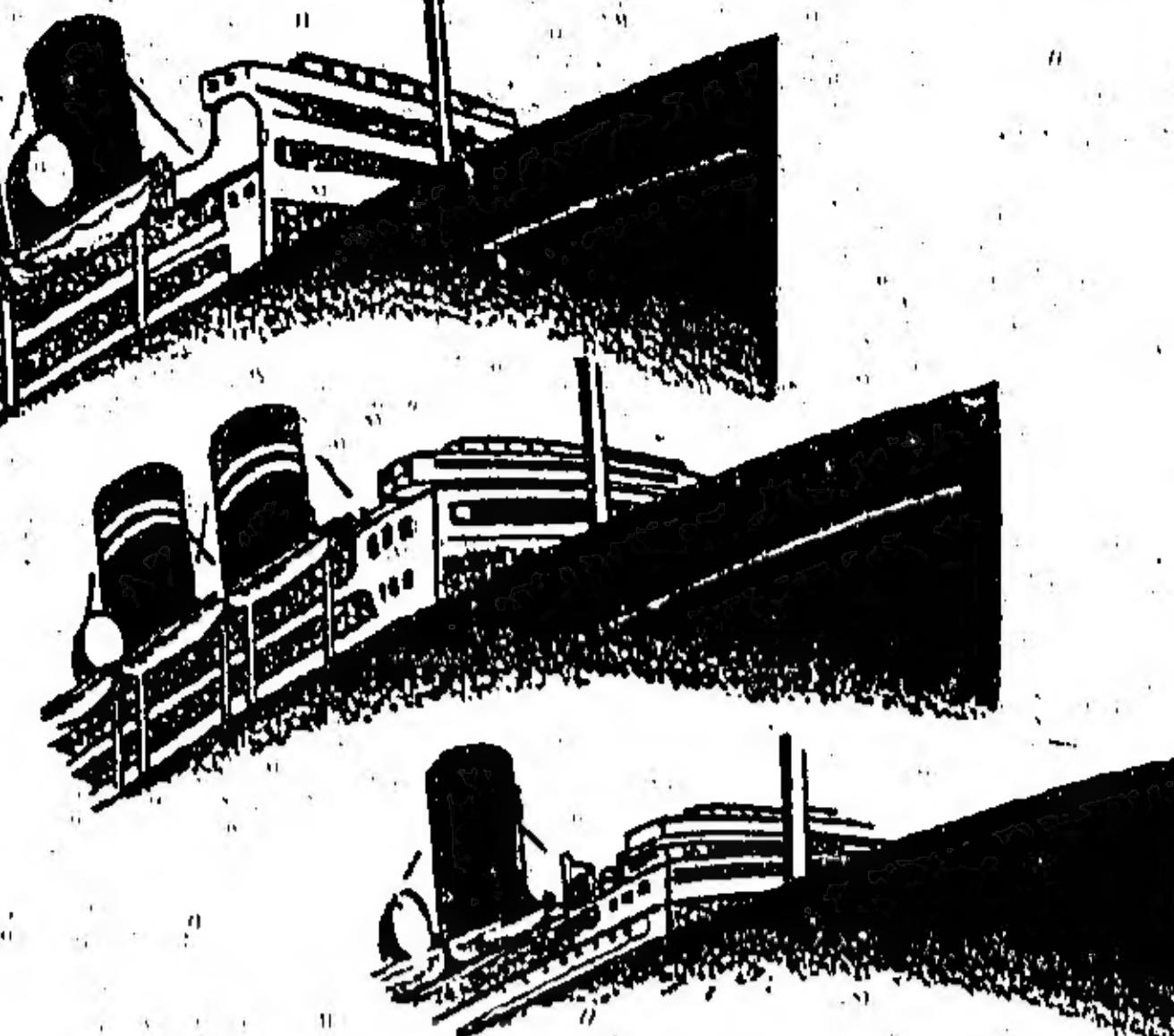
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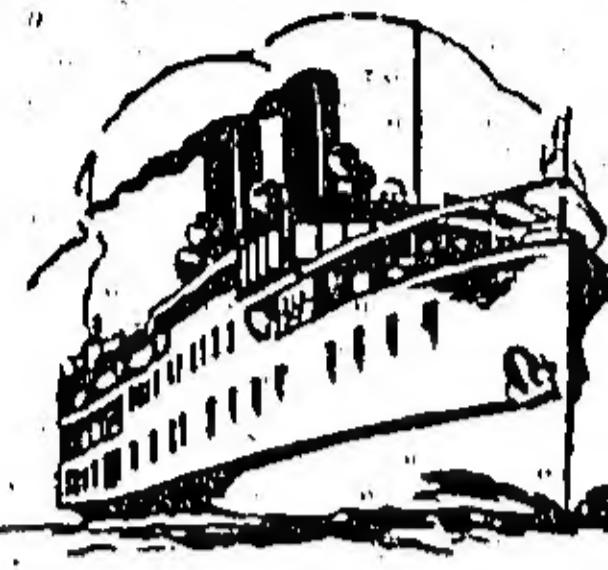
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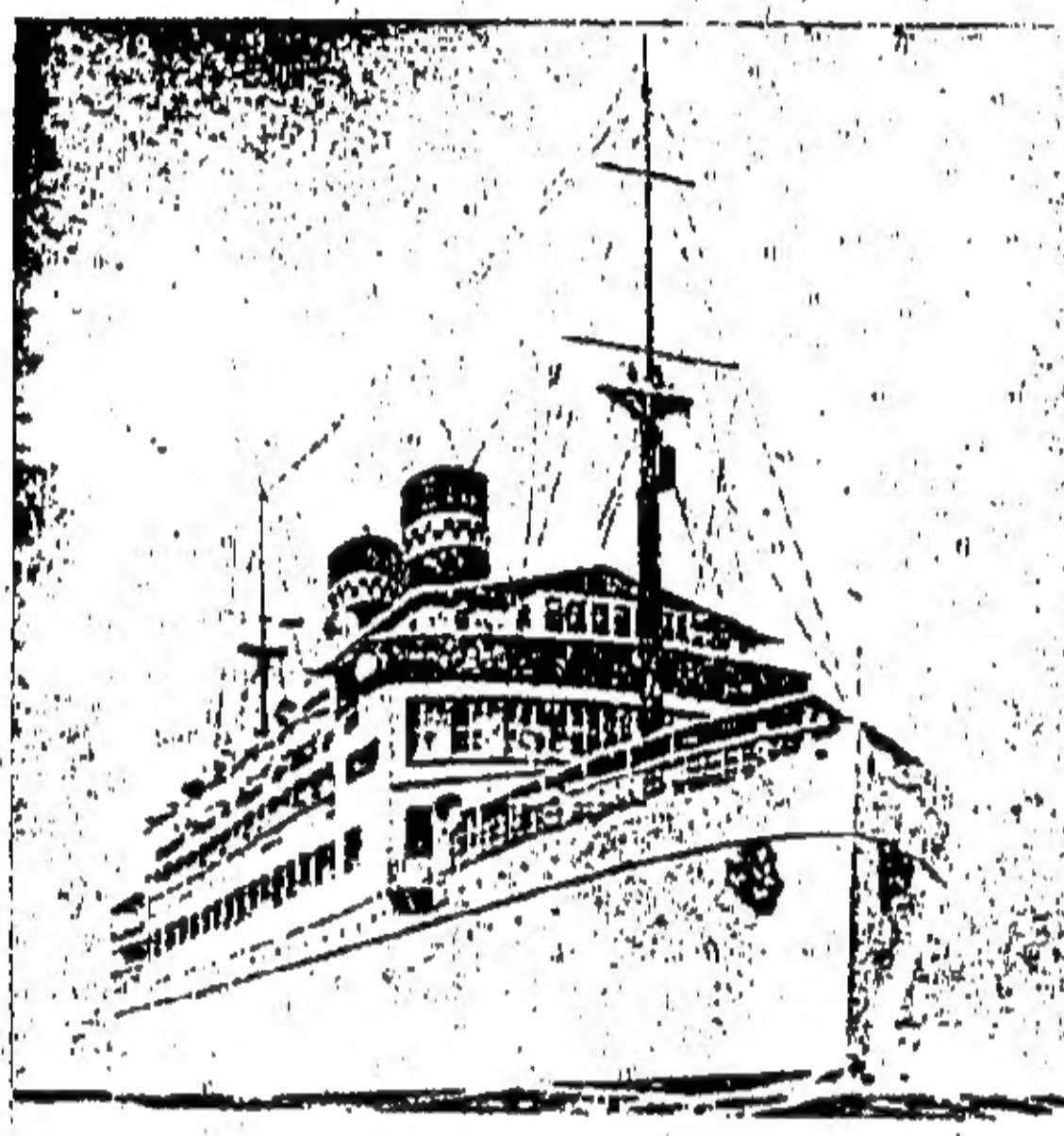


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BITTERNESS IN FINLAND OVER PEACE TERMS: UPPER-LIP ATTITUDE

HELSINKI, Mar. 16 (Havas)—There is still heart-break and bitterness here over the peace treaty with Russia, and this is reflected in the Finnish press.

The consensus is expressed by one paper, which says that it is not understandable how this could be after the sacrifices they had made.

Adopting a stiff upper-lip attitude, however, the paper says:

"Our generation must be the bridge between the past and the future, and must see that the heritage of our ancestors is saved for our descendants."

TREATY SIGNATURE

The peace treaty with Russia, ratified by the Finnish Parliament by 145 votes to 3, will now be submitted for President Kallio's signature.

ALLIED INTENTIONS

BUDAPEST, Mar. 16 (Reuter)—The "Pesti Hylap" emphasises the significance of President Kallio's statement on the refusal of Sweden and Norway to allow the passage of Allied troops to Finland.

The paper adds: "After this statement of the Finnish President there is no questioning that Britain and France seriously intended to help Finland to Russian rule under the peace treaty."

SPANISH VIEW

MADRID, Mar. 16 (Havas)—The Spanish press devotes quite a lot of comment to the Soviet-Finnish peace treaty.

The comment of one paper, the "Journal Alcazar," includes a picture captioned:—"The Victors." It shows starving Russian prisoners wolfing down food given them by their Finnish raptors.

PEACE OF SWORD

ROME, Mar. 16 (Reuter)—The Vatican journal "Osservatore

Romano" refers to the Russo-Finnish peace as "the peace of the sword."

The dictate of Moscow, it says, is a challenge of all peaceful peoples who love order, desire justice and base their life on respect for the rights of others.

PUPPET'S POST

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 16 (Havas)—Rumours of the execution of Otto Kuusinen, the renegade Finn heading the puppet Finnish regime established by the Soviet, are utterly groundless, says the "Helsingfors Correspondent" of the "Social Demokraten."

The correspondent believes Kuusinen will be appointed president of all territories transferred from Finland to Russian rule under the peace treaty.

CURIOUS COMMENT

MOSCOW, Mar. 16 (Havas)—A curious comment appears in "Fravada," organ of the central committee of the Russian communist party:

"The U.S.S.R. in its diplomatic negotiations, never imposes—even on the smallest of neighbouring countries—conditions incompatible with their national dignity or independence."

FINNISH ARMY NOT TO BE DEMOBILISED

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CABLE NEWS IN BRIEF

PARIS, Mar. 16 (Reuter)—The French Chamber of Deputies has approved a grant of £312,000,000 for military purposes for the second quarter of this year.

BOMBAY, Mar. 16 (Reuter)—Writing in his newspaper "Harijan" in reply to a correspondent who questioned him regarding his belief in the Viceroy's sincerity, Mr. Gandhi said: "As far as I am concerned I expect to have many more meetings with the Viceroy."

COLOMBO, Mar. 16 (Reuter)—The six Ceylon Ministers who resigned at the end of last month have now returned to office. The Ministers resigned following a ruling by the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecote, in a dispute between the Home Minister and the Inspector-General of Police.

ROME, Mar. 16 (Reuter)—The Pope has sent a cordial message to the Polish President in France in reply to a telegram from the latter congratulating His Holiness on the anniversary of his enthronement. The Pope's message says: "I am happy to hear in your gracious message the ever faithful voice of Christian Poland. We renew for her our prayers and good wishes."

LONDON, Mar. 16 (Reuter)—Sir John Reith, Minister of Information, told the press today his idea of what news in wartime should be. It should, he said, tell the truth, nothing but the truth and nearly the whole truth as far as military security allows.

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Shanghai.	23rd Mar.
Japan and Shanghai.	23rd Mar.
Kabul and Manila.	23rd Mar.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 16th March.	24th Mar.
Straits and Palembang.	24th Mar.
Shanghai and Amoy.	25th Mar.
Japan and Shanghai.	25th Mar.
Manila.	26th Mar.
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